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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Rearming Of Japan

MOST people will find it a trifle difficult to follow the line of reasoning advanced by Republican Senators Jenner and Chase that the Japanese peace treaty, as written and endorsed at San Francisco last year, jeopardises either the sovereignty of the United States or Japan. In fact, the treaty promises Japan eventual recovery of her full sovereignty, and, so far as any international agreement can be expected to, offers Japan the best guarantee of her integrity as an independent nation. There are more pressing problems and misgivings connected with Japan. One — and it is the latest — is the decision to allow the Japanese once again to manufacture arms, implements of war, aircraft (civil and military) and warships. The right to rear and the nature of the armaments remain still at the discretion of SCAP, but the decision to lift the existing ban is sufficient to indicate the type of new freedoms which Japan is to be granted.

WHILE it is undoubtedly true that the Japanese generally have since 1945 repudiated militarism as a national policy, doubts remain in many minds whether, given the opportunity, the nation will not again embrace militarism as a means for achieving national aspirations. The fear of such a development, clings in Australia and is shared in varying degrees in other countries. Japan, as a nation able to stand on her own feet and repel aggression against herself is an acceptable concept of her future renaissance, but her ability to represent herself once again as a potential threat to peace in Asia is not so palatable. The United States owe life to those countries who joined in signing the peace treaty at San Francisco, to give the fullest assurances that the concessions now being offered to Japan will not result in the country equipping itself to a point where it can become a dangerous friend. Japan has still to demonstrate her capacity for the democratic way of life, and this she will have to do by degree. Over-rapid restoration of full sovereignty could well have disastrous effects.

Chinese Becomes A Peeress

First In British
History

(Our Own Correspondent)
London, Mar. 18.

A Chinese woman became a British Peeress today. Lord Lindsay of Birker, a former Master of Balliol and Principal of the University College of North Staffordshire since 1949, died today aged 72. His elder son and heir, Michael Lindsay, has a Chinese wife whom he married in 1941 in Peking. She is the first Chinese woman to be a Peeress. The new Lady Lindsay's name is Hsiao Li, which means Persuasive Dawn. She was a student at a Peking university when she met her husband, who was a lecturer there.

He is 43, she is in the mid-thirties. Six months ago they went to live in Australia. Michael Lindsay was appointed Senior Research Fellow at the Research School of Pacific Studies at Canberra.

Hsiao Li is the daughter of a Chinese army officer, Colonel Li Wen-chi. She and her husband stayed in Peking until after Pearl Harbour. After that life became difficult.

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SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA

"VERY SERIOUS" SAYS ACHESON

Repeats Plea For Foreign Aid Programme

Washington, Mar. 18.

The situation in Indo-China was today described by Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, as "very serious." It would remain so until the French could put a large, trained and indigenous force in the field, Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Acheson also expressed confidence that France — "locked in battle with Communist-led forces" in Indo-China — would make sacrifices which were necessary to ensure the success of the Western disarmament drive.

Mr. Acheson was speaking at a hearing held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee into the new United States foreign aid programme — a \$7,900,000,000 fund requested by President Truman.

Mr. Acheson said he believed that the Korean truce negotiations would be successful. But he warned against "either optimism or pessimism" in the present difficult phase.

Earlier, Mr. Acheson denied suggestions that "India seems to be getting closer to the Russian orbit." In his references to Europe Mr. Acheson said that the 50-division North Atlantic Army approved at the recent Lisbon conference was "more than a paper army" and would soon be a "flesh and blood army."

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Britain Lags In Air Defences

London, Mar. 18.

A Government spokesman today said that Britain's air defences would be "woefully inadequate" if it were not for American and Canadian support.

Mr. George Ward, new Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Ministry, made the statement in asking the House of Commons to approve Royal Air Force expenditure of £2,500,000,000, including American aid, for the coming fiscal year.

He said Britain had lost the air advantage to both America and Russia but would regain it. He added that Britain had no fighter in service to match the Russian MIG-15 jet plane, but said, "We are very glad to have with us in this country Canadian and American fighter squadrons equipped with a fighter which has proved itself in many ways superior to the MIG in combat. Their presence will improve the power of the whole fighter force in this country."

He said the Government had given priority to the newest types of aircraft in order to regain the advantage.

"I do not wish to create undue anxiety," he continued, "but it would be quite wrong for me not to make it plain that the air defences of this island at the present time would be woefully inadequate if we had not powerful allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation." — United Press.

Youths Admit Sabotage

Tunis, Mar. 18.

Seventeen young Tunisians, arrested at Sfax, Southeast Tunisia, admitted sabotaging railways and Sfax area and made full statements explaining the sabotage organisation, the police said here today.

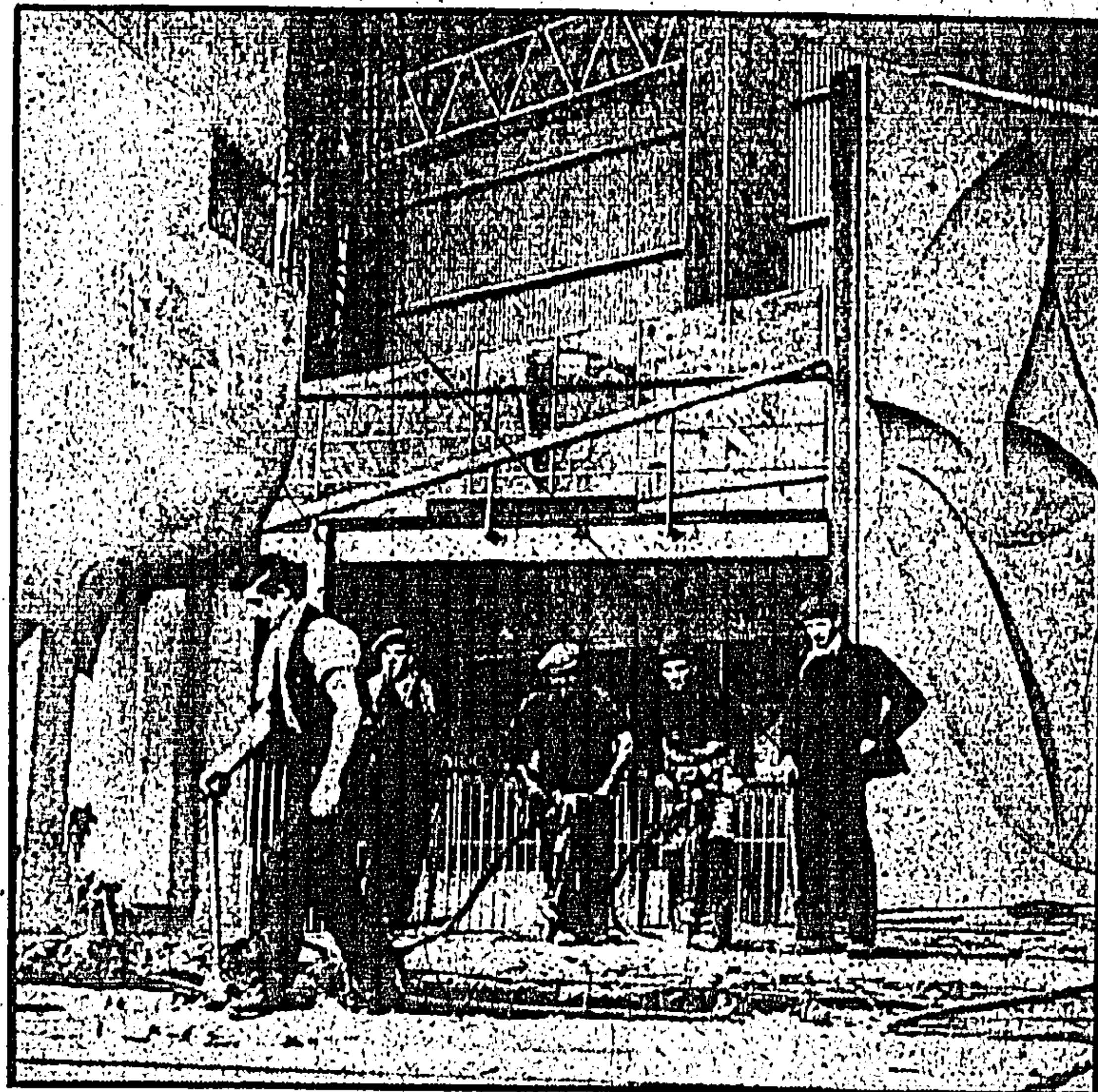
Stocks of explosives were held by well-known Tunisians while others who owned cars delivered them to the leaders of the sabotage teams, who gave detailed instructions about the objectives and the part to be played by each member of the teams.

The sabotage organisation, according to the alleged statements, intended shortly to blow up five oil mills belonging to two members of the South Tunisian Chamber of Commerce, a standard oil petrol store and a Diesel oil store belonging to a local company.

Bizerte, the main naval base and third city of Tunisia, was without a main water supply today when the water pipeline was cut in 10 places in a 500-yard stretch.

A bomb today wrecked two shops in the Collee Galleries, an arcade of fashionable shops here. Many shops and cafes in the Arab quarter were closed today following the throwing of a bomb on Friday in front of the Prime Minister's residence. — Reuter.

DEMOLITION OF THE FESTIVAL PAVILIONS



It is "D" (for demolition) day at the South Bank as the men with drills and sledge-hammers go into action on the Sea and Ships Pavilion. Also coming down are Homes and Gardens Pavilion, the Lion and Unicorn Pavilion, the Pantheol, the Harbour Bar and some administrative offices. Hundreds of labourers turned up at the gates of the South Bank site in the hope of being given casual work. The London County Council plan to have the promenade strip along the Thames open to the public by Easter, and the whole of the interim scheme finished by the end of July. — London Express Service.

Refugees Win Safety

Bremenhaven, Mar. 18. Seventeen Russian peasants, a 40-year-old woman and her daughter, aged 15, boarded the American troop transport, General Harry Taylor, here today for New York to end a 13,000 mile trek in search of peace and freedom.

They were going to a new homeland after a fighting retreat from Communist Central Asia, which had lasted eight years and brought them through harrowing dangers.

Their homes since the Russian Revolution in 1917 had been the Altai Mountains in the western corner of Mongolia.

When Chinese Communist troops reached the area in 1944 about 200 of the Russian settlers fled. The 19 who boarded the ship today and their 60-year-old leader reached the Indian frontier town of Gyantse after a trek which brought them through the Chinese province of Sinkiang, the Gobi Desert, Tibet and the Himalayas.

The leader of the group is sick in hospital in Hamburg and will have to follow them later. — Reuter.

Big 3 Agree On Reply To Soviet Note

London, Mar. 18.

Britain, France and the United States have now agreed on the text of their reply to the Soviet note proposing German unity, a usually reliable source said tonight.

The text will be finally approved later this week when the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, meet in Paris with the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The essence of the Western Governments' reply to the Russian proposal to hold a four-Power conference to reunite Germany is to stress the absolute importance of the Soviet authorities permitting the United Nations Investigating Commission to enter Eastern Germany, it is understood.

The Western Governments do not reject the idea of working for the reunion of Germany. But they are not prepared to accept an all-German government unless this comes to power through free elections in the whole of Germany.

Consequently, willingness to admit into the Eastern Zone the United Nations Commission, which is investigating whether present conditions in Germany would make free elections possible, is still regarded here.

Cow & Farmer In Wild Dash

Berlin, Mar. 18.

An East German farmer dashed wildly into West Berlin today following a galloping cow and pursued by a hall of Communist East German police bullets, the West Berlin police reported.

They said the farmer's house and zone are in the Soviet zone of occupation outside the city, but he owned a meadow within the Western sector city limits and he wanted to graze his cow on it.

The Eastern people's police refused to let him pass, however, when he walked up to the border with the cow, but the farmer was stubborn. He slapped the cow into gallop and raced after it across the Iron Curtain with the people's police shooting at him. He and the cow were not hurt. — United Press.

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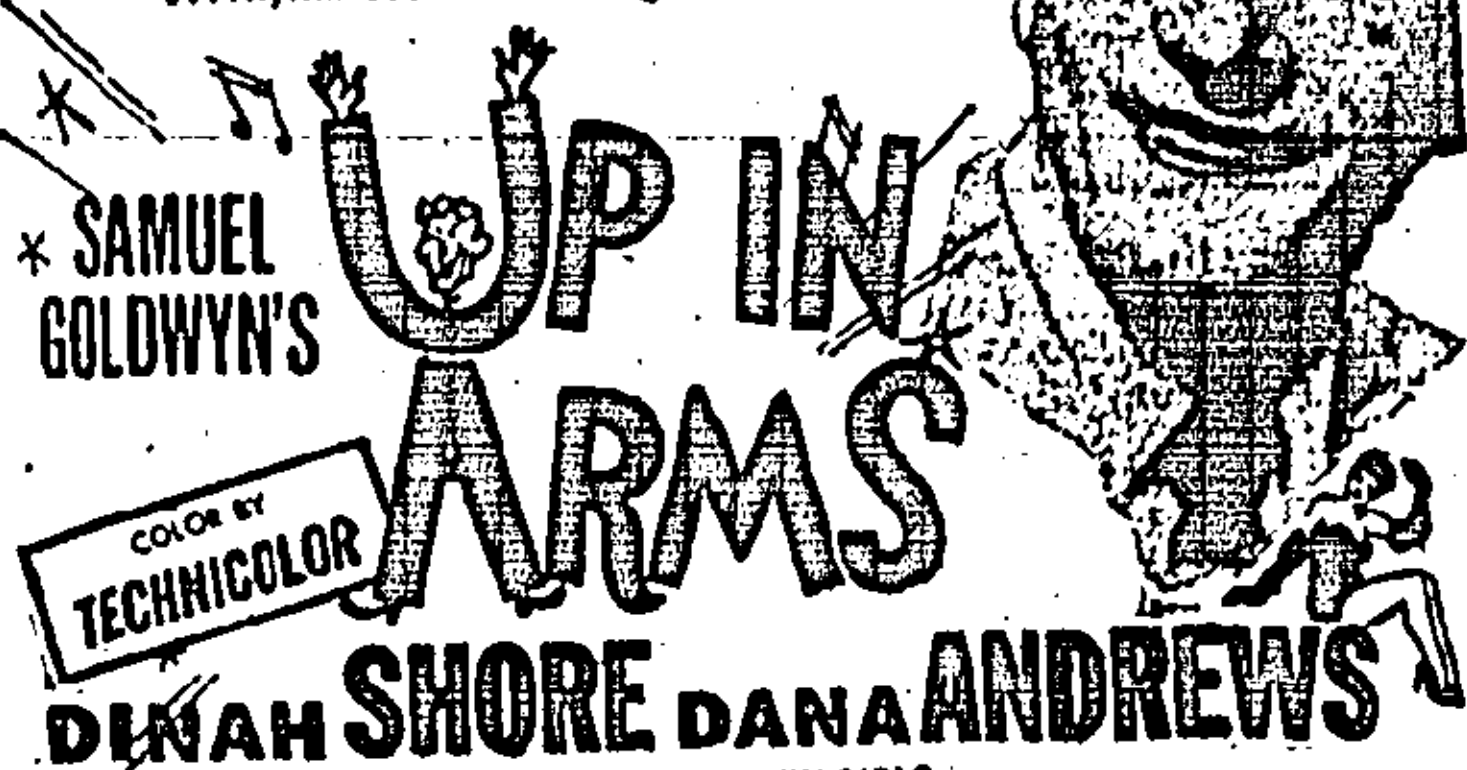
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Two Danish fishermen seen here with a giant cod, weighing 54 lbs., and believed to be the biggest cod ever caught in Danish waters. — Express Service.

DIARIES TO BE FORBIDDEN

Washington, Mar. 18. The United States Army Intelligence has recommended to the General Staff that all military personnel stationed abroad be prohibited from keeping a personal diary.

The recommendation was made public at a Press conference by General Alexander Bolling, of the Ground Forces Staff.

It followed upon the affair of General Robert Groves, whose diary had been copied or photographed without his knowledge when he was military attaché in Moscow.

General Bolling said that a final decision on the recommendation was up to the Chief of Staff of the ground forces, General Lawton Collins.

General Bolling said he had no part in the choice of General Groves as military attaché in Moscow but that he, nevertheless, accepted full responsibility for his appointment to that post.

He indicated that it was probably about July 13, 1951, when General Groves was at Frankfurt, that his diary had been taken from him, according to reconstruction of the case by ground force officers. — France-Press.

Fertiliser For Taipei

Taipei, Mar. 18. A shipment of 9,462 metric tons of ammonium sulphate arrived in Kaohsiung today aboard the General Rivers.

The fertiliser, paid for by the Mutual Security Administration, will be distributed for the cultivation of a second rice crop this year.

Meanwhile C. L. Terrell, deputy chief of the MSA China Mission, is acting for Dr. Hubert Schenck, chief of the Mission, during the latter's one month's trip to the United States. — France-Press.

German Debt Conference

London, Mar. 18. The industrial bonded debts negotiating committee of the conference for settling Germany's external debts held a private meeting here today.

The 28-nation conference recently set up four negotiating committees. The other three are for Reich debts and debts of other public authorities, standard debts, and commercial and miscellaneous debts.

A sub-committee of the Creditors Committee at the talks also had a private session today.

A usually reliable source said that the 21-member Steering Committee would meet shortly to decide on the Easter recess date for the conference. — Reuter.

EDEN PROPOSAL TO COME UP

Paris, Mar. 18. A British move to give the Council of Europe political authority over the planned European army and the Schuman coal-steel pool is expected to be approved when the 14 Foreign Ministers meet here tomorrow.

The proposal, made by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to his colleagues in the Committee of Ministers, would link Britain directly with the two schemes for the first time. — Reuter.

Letourneau To Report On Indo-China War

Paris, Mar. 18.

The French Minister for the Associated States, M. Jean Letourneau, will give the nation later this month a detailed account of the military and political situation in Indo-China, according to normally reliable sources.

M. Letourneau, who returned from the war zone last week, is expected to urge the speedy training of a strong Vietnam army to hold the Vietminh in check and allow French troops to be repatriated gradually to give France a more effective part in European defence plans.

This is the most France can do in the absence of powerful aid from her allies or the effective internationalising of the Indo-China war on the lines of the action taken by the United Nations in Korea, political quarters said.

Other moves are also planned to meet the growing belief in Parliamentary circles that the military situation in Indo-China is graver than official declarations admit and that even the maintenance of a firm front is bleeding France of men and money and undermining her position in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to the eventual advantage of Germany.

M. Letourneau, it was learnt today, is to investigate complaints from reporters in Hanoi and Saigon that their despatches are being heavily censored and that some senior officers tend to disguise the facts.

A Ministry spokesman today said that no change has been made in censorship rules and that specific allegations that commanders in the field "tampered" with news would be investigated.

SIAM SITUATION
There is some uneasiness at French headquarters in Indo-China about the solidity of the present regime in Siam.

If the Siamese Government were overthrown by a rising it is feared that this might stir up new upheavals in neighbouring Vietnam.

The appointment of a successor to the late Commander-in-Chief and High Commissioner in Indo-China, General de Latre de Tassigny, is causing keen discussion behind the scenes, Parliamentary sources said.

M. Letourneau favours the continued concentration of control in the hands of one man, but it appears to be himself that may, according to usually reliable sources, — Reuter.

Paradox In British Harbours

Liverpool, Mar. 18.

The volume of cargo worked through British ports last year was some 18 per cent higher than either of the two previous years but five of the cargo ships are now required to do the work which should be done by four.

This paradox was introduced today by Lieutenant-Colonel Austin Bates at the annual general meeting of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association.

Lieut.-Col. Bates said that in 1951 some 11,000,000 additional tons of cargo were moved through British ports. The total volume of 71,550,000 tons had been exceeded only in 1937.

Information given on turn-round shows that due to increased global port delays, not less than five cargo liners are needed now to do what four ships should do.

Thus, shipowners must pay the costs of one extra ship in every four they operate. — United Press.

Portugal In A Sound Position

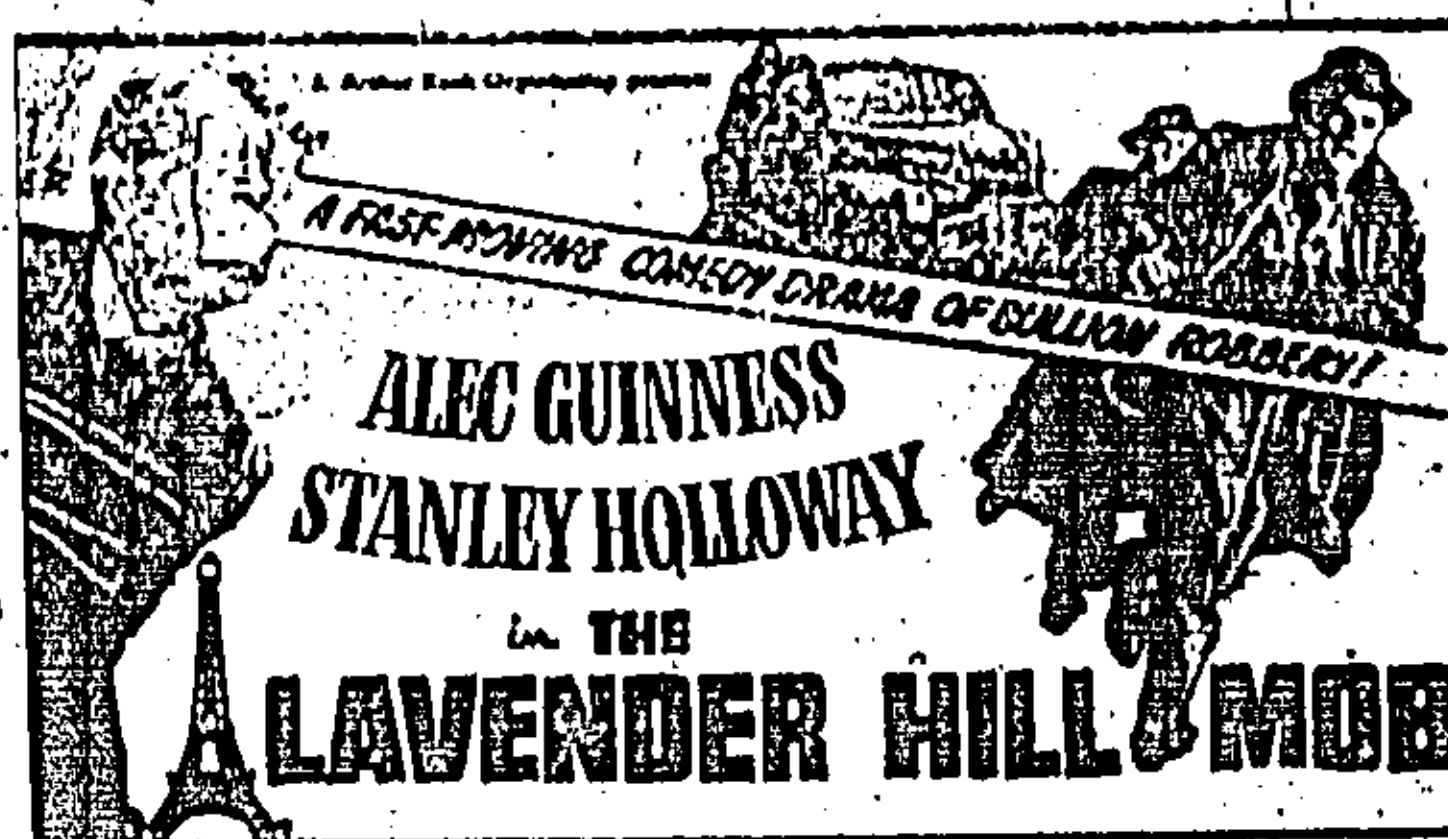
London, Mar. 18. European Payments Union accounts issued here tonight showed that Portugal increased her monthly credit from \$6,100,000 in January to \$10,000,000 last month, bringing her overall credit to \$114,200,000.

Turkey's deficit rose in the same period from \$5,000,000 to \$16,200,000. Her overall deficit is \$75,000,000. — Reuter.

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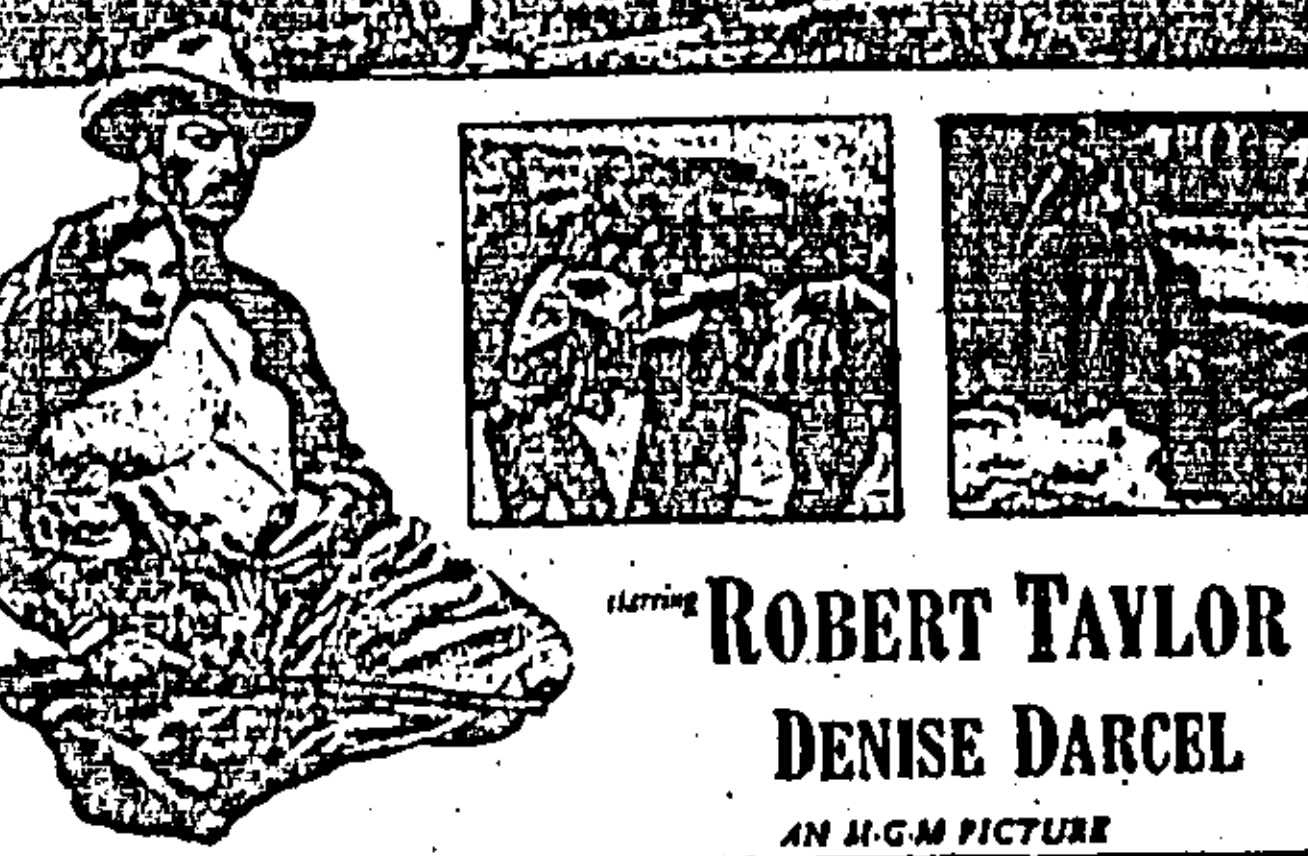
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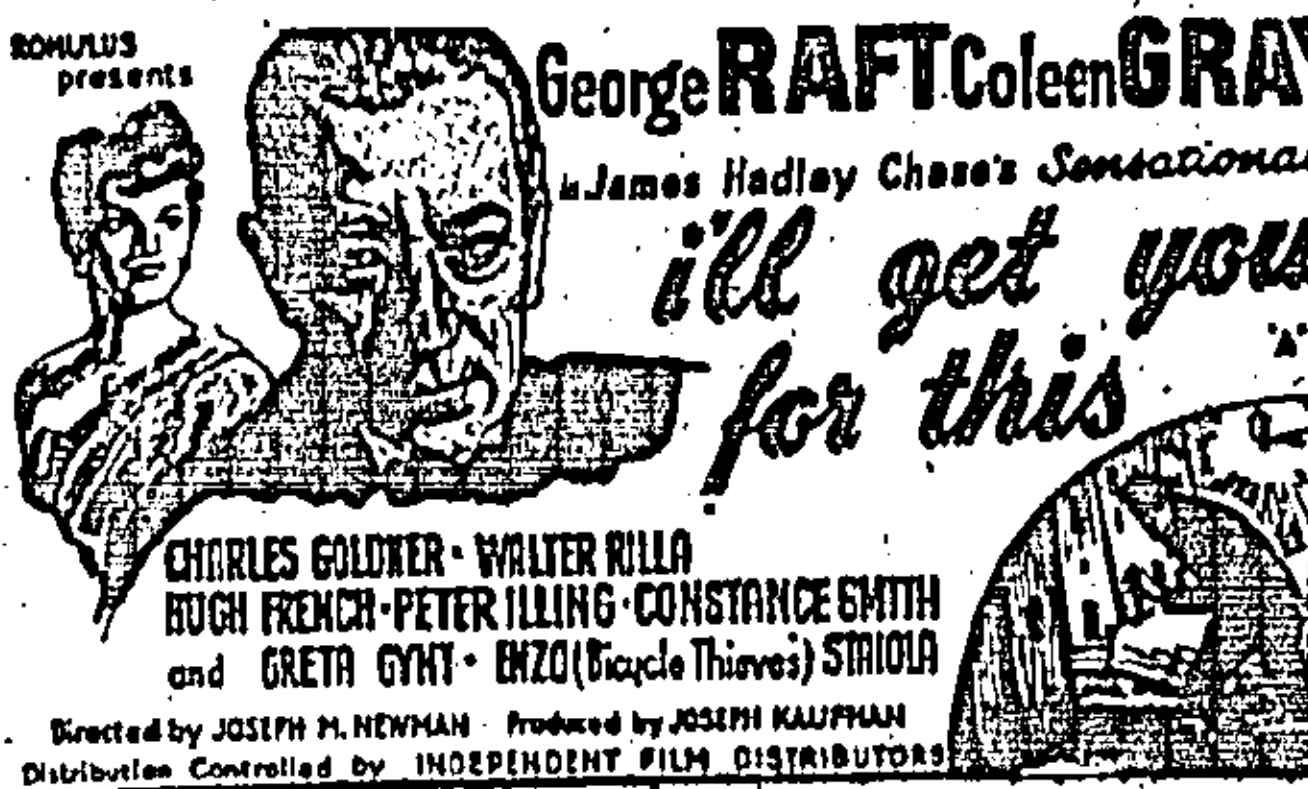
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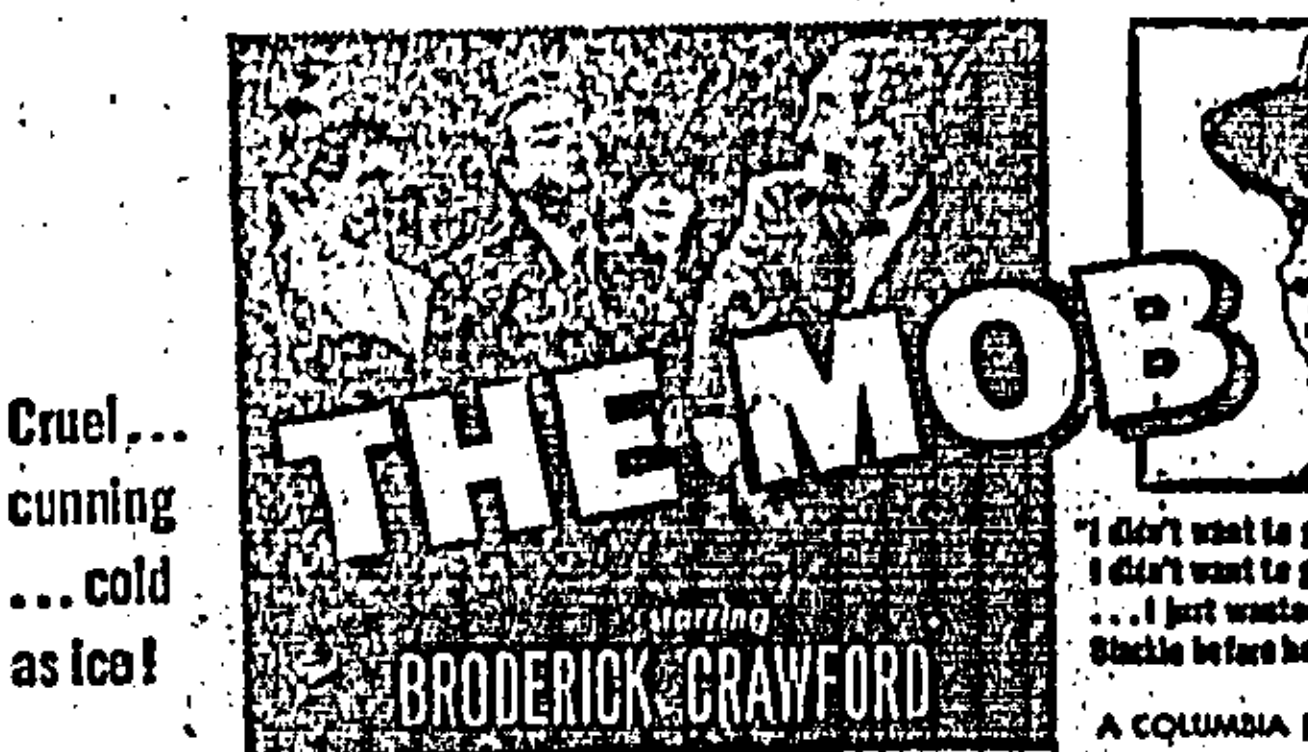
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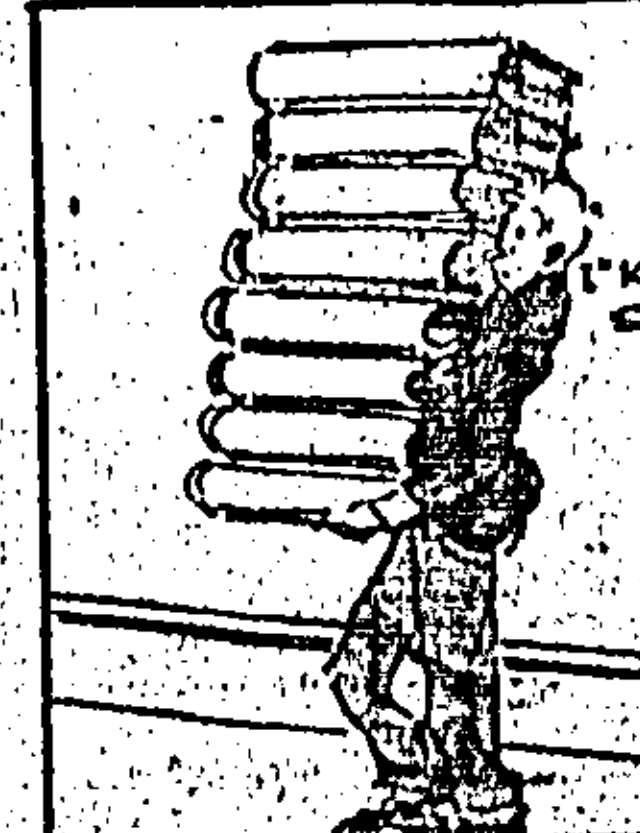
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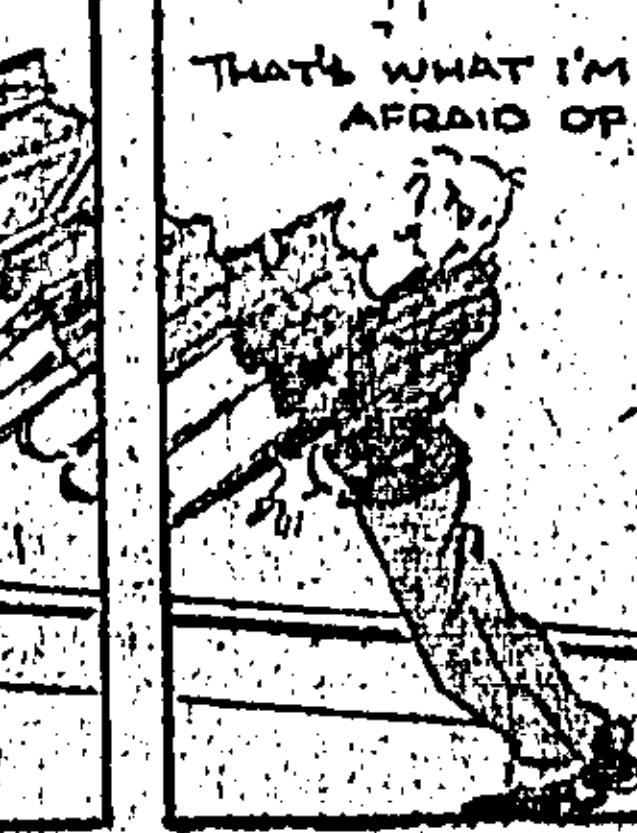
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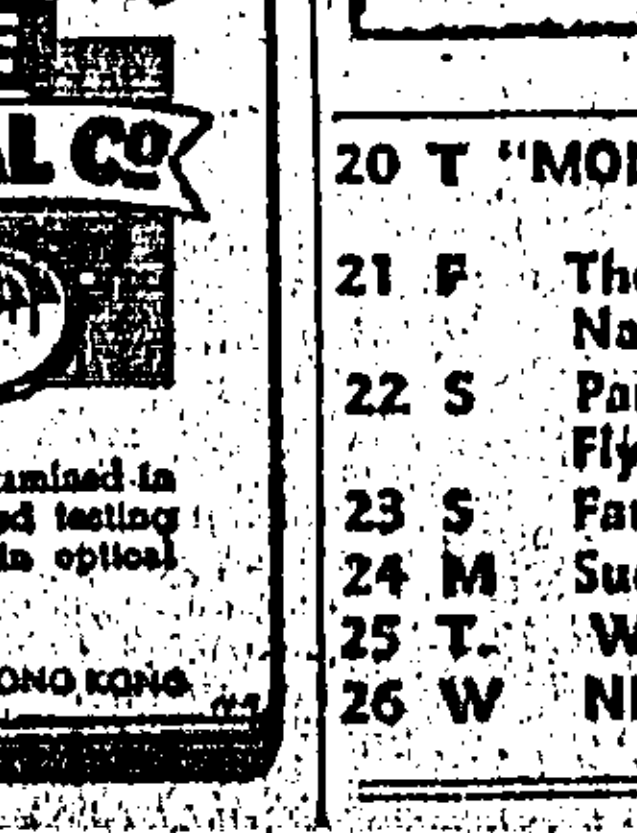
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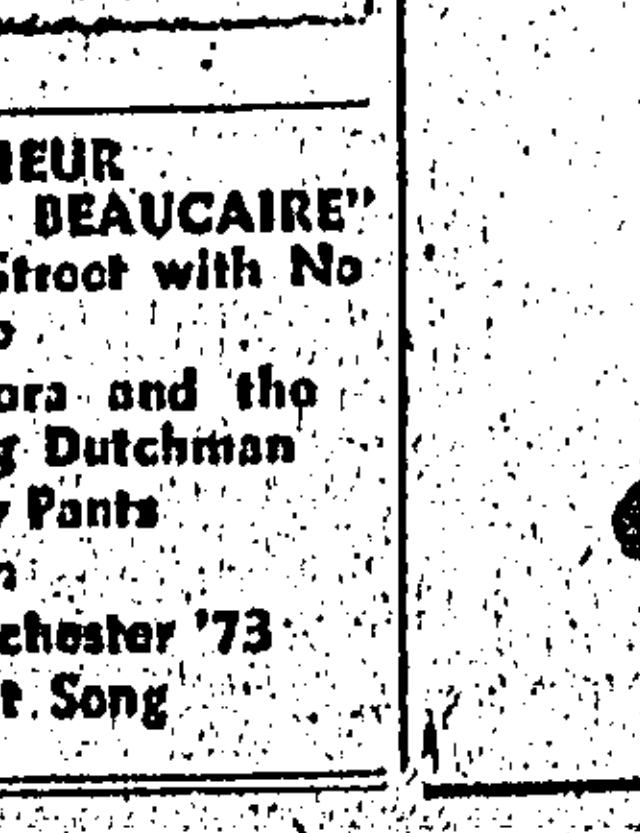
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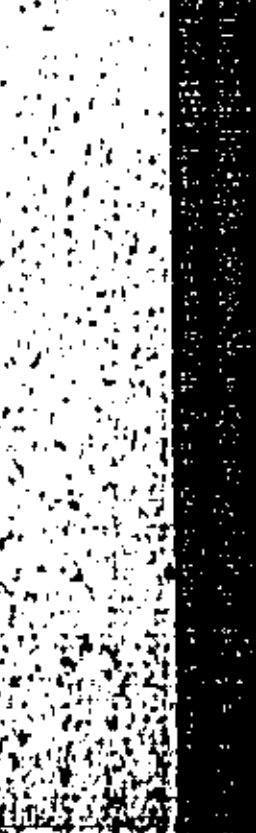
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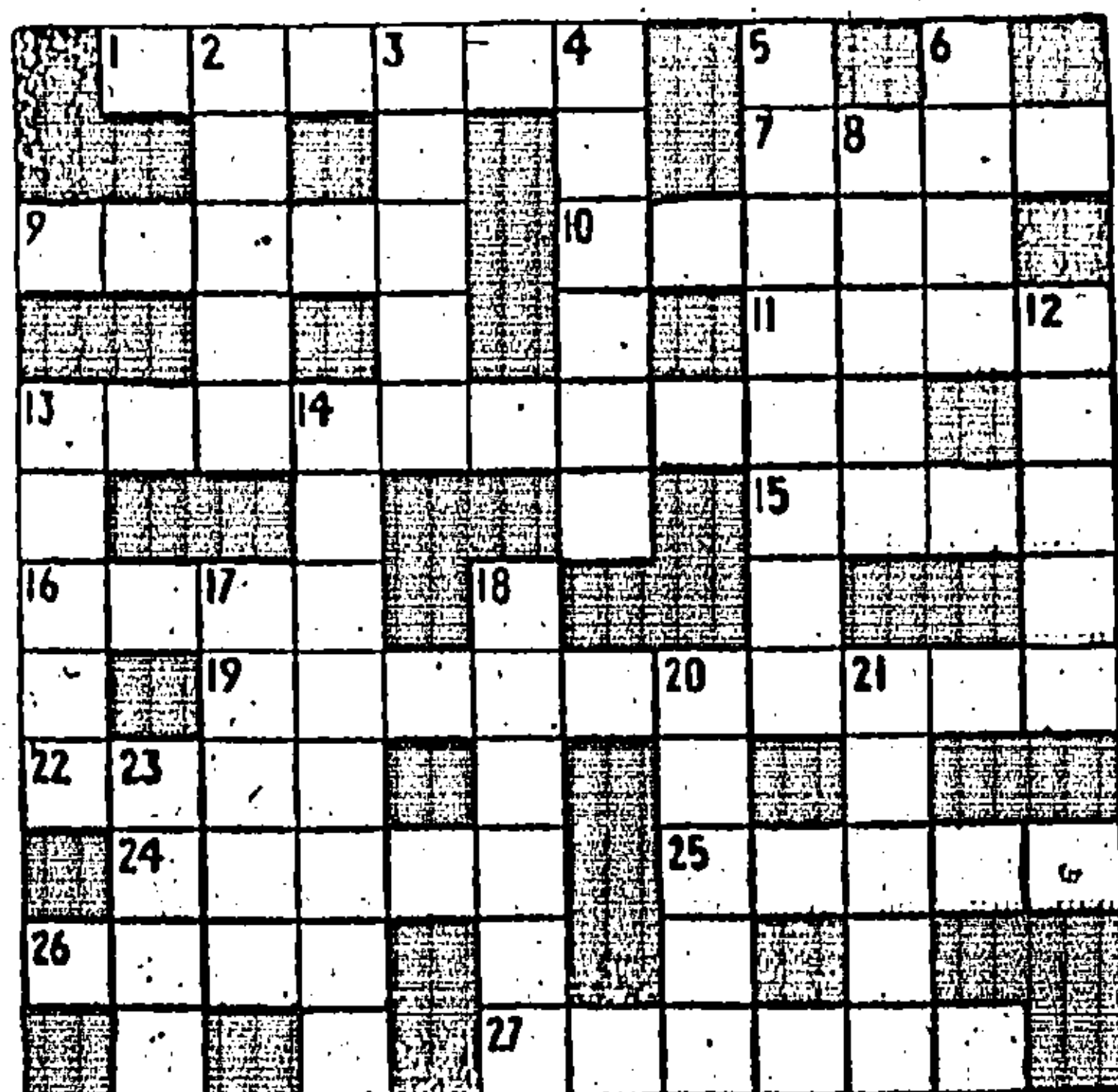
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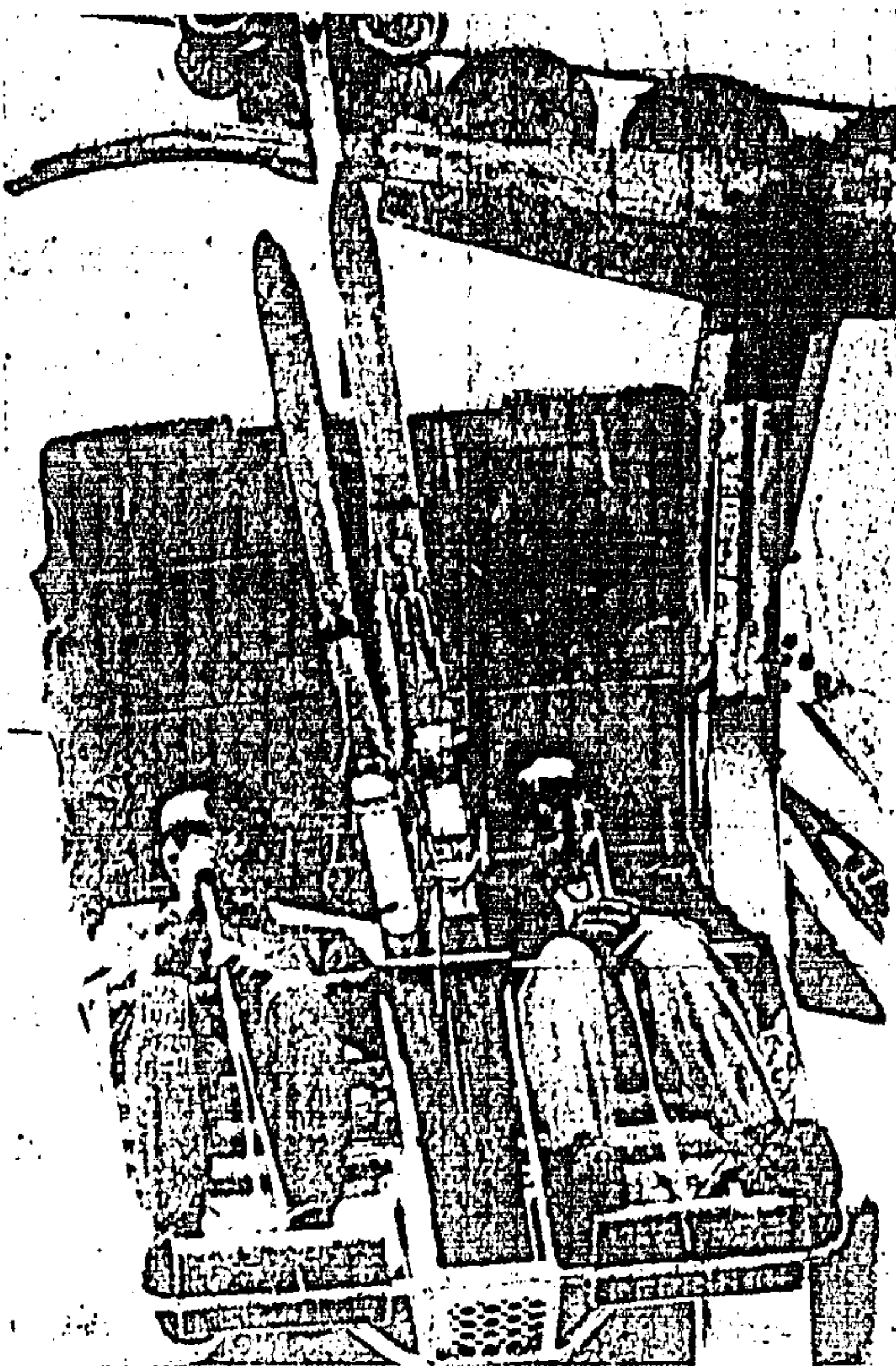
ACROSS

- 1 Sew (6).
- 2 Not often seen (4).
- 3 Dry out stalks of grain (5).
- 4 Worship (5).
- 5 Assemble (4).
- 6 Determination (10).
- 7 Burden (4).
- 8 Debate (10).
- 9 Rotate (4).
- 10 Territory (3).
- 11 Out of practice (5).
- 12 Time (4).
- 13 Meal (6).

DOWN

- 1 Pies (5).
- 2 Drying cloth (5).
- 3 Cordial (6).
- 4 Advances (3).
- 5 Liberate (4).
- 6 Scene of conflict (5).
- 7 Parts (5).
- 8 Common (6).
- 9 Farewell (5).
- 10 Haze (6).
- 11 Fight (5).
- 12 Send forth (5).
- 13 Reciprocity of ship (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Soothe, 4. Anger, 7. Induce, 8. State, 10. Port, 12. Fanfare, 15. Array, 16. Idea, 17. Halo, 18. Taken, 20. Slander, 21. Dour, 23. Lath, 24. Vision, 25. Umpire, 26. Lights, 27. Slippers, 3. Obdurate, 5. Hook, 6. Notified, 9. Entire, 11. Mayor, 13. Trencher, 14. Fated, 19. Admonition, 14. Ear-rings, 18. Always, 22. Kiwi.

ROYAL BROTHERS
GO SKIING

King Baudouin of Belgium (left) and his brother, Prince Albert, go up one of the skiing slopes at Gstaad, Switzerland, in a funicular. They spent a three-week holiday at Gstaad, where King Baudouin lived during most of his father's five-year exile after the War. — Express Service.

**Paris Discussions
On Saar Issue**

Paris, Mar. 18. The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, reviewed Franco-German relations, notably over the Saar, at the French Foreign Ministry tonight. Dr Adenauer, who flew here this morning from Bonn, was accompanied by Professor Walter Hallstein, chief of his Foreign Ministry, who arrived today from Washington.

**Credits For
Indonesia**

Washington, Mar. 18. The United States Export-Import Bank last night announced four credits to the Indonesian Government, totalling \$22,770,000.

The credits would be used, the Bank said, to finance the import from the United States of productive equipment and materials required for the reconstruction and development of vital sectors of the Indonesian economy. The four credits are in addition to credits totalling \$52,245,500 made by the Bank to Indonesia in January, 1951, for various types of equipment. — Reuter.

**WHY THE
OIL TALKS
FAILED**

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 18. Mr Hector Prudhomme, leader of the World Bank mission which is now on its way back to Washington after the breakdown of its attempt to solve the Persian oil problem, said here today that the failure did not mean closing the door on future negotiations.

He told reporters at Lydda Airport that he would not stop in London but would submit full reports on his talks in Persia to the British authorities.

The main reason for the failure of the negotiations, Mr Prudhomme said, had been the Persian refusal to facilitate in any way whatever the return of British technicians.

In addition no agreement had been reached on the price of oil or on the quantity to be sold to non-British purchasers. There were also technical problems. "We came to Persia to mediate, and although we failed there are still some prospects of resuming negotiations," he said. One of Mr Prudhomme's advisers told reporters that Persia was now producing oil at the rate of one million tons a year. — Reuter.

**'Dixiecrat' Rebel Fires
First Shot In
His Campaign**

Washington, Mar. 18. The choice of the "Dixiecrats" for the Democratic presidential nomination today fired the first shot in his campaign to obtain nation-wide support.

Senator Richard Russell, of Georgia, announced that he would open national headquarters in Washington.

The "Dixiecrats" representing the Democrats of Southern States rebelling against President Truman's "Fair Deal" policies, especially racial non-segregation, hope to muster enough support outside their area to capture the Party's national convention in July.

Hitherto the Dixiecrats have never been able to oust the Northern Democrats from control. They account for only 128 out of the 1,230 delegates at the convention.

But this year their plan is to enlarge their "splinter group" tactics by capitalising the current popular distaste of the unattractiveness that has been exposed in Government offices and elsewhere under the Truman administration.

Senator Russell, announcing the opening of the national headquarters, said that he would devote as much time to his campaign as his Senate duties permitted.

Meantime, a last minute change in the State law of Minnesota and the attitude of former Governor Harold Stassen have boosted the primary election being held there today from domestic security into a "popularity contest" of national significance.

Political observers minimised the Minnesota primary because only 300,000 voters have gained the necessary qualification to vote registration as a Republican or Democratic supporter compared with the 1,200,000 registered in the last Presidential year, 1948.

STRAW IN WIND

But they expected the result to provide them with more straws in the wind.

In the meantime these two factors lifted the poll into national prominence.

1.—The Minnesota State law was amended four days ago to enable voters to write-in the names of presidential aspirants Senator Robert Taft and General Dwight Eisenhower as a primary candidate.

2.—Mr Stassen, the more prominent of the two Republican nominees, was regarded as likely to transfer his delegates to the support of General Eisenhower rather than to Senator Taft.

Until last Friday Minnesota was one of seven States which prohibited the writing-in of aspirants' names on primary ballot papers. The new decision permits Republican voters to show preference for General Eisenhower, Senator Taft, General MacArthur or any other candidate.

HIGHLY TENTATIVE

No observers, not even Taft or Eisenhower supporters, were optimistic that any write-in "candidate" would top the poll. But a substantial minority showing, would be significant and if relatively large would be highly important.

The strategy in both parties has been to minimise the importance of the primary. The

**East-West
Trade Plan
Discussed**

Geneva, Mar. 18. The Economic Commission for Europe is to approach member Governments early this summer on the possibility of calling a meeting to plan increased trade between East and West Europe.

The Swedish Executive Secretary, Gunnar Myrdal, winding up the Commission's seventh session today, said in announcing this that a small step forward had been made towards expanding this trade in the present session.

He said: "You have repeated your interest in expanding East-West trade through the Commission and you have also agreed that the experts attending any talks I might call should be prepared to do business."

The guiding principle of this Secretariat, that no meeting be better than an ill-prepared and fruitless meeting, should be observed. The Commission's next session will be held in Geneva on March 24 next year. — Reuter.

**Israel, Germany
Begin Talks**

The Hague, Mar. 18. The West German and Israeli restitution talks started here today. It was initially planned to hold the talks in Jerusalem, and later Brussels was mentioned, but finally The Hague was selected. The talks are expected to continue at the end of the week. — United Press.

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Face Trial**

Corunna, Spain, Mar. 18. Forty-three persons, including five women, were arraigned in the military court today and charged with aiding and abetting local bandits in the district of Peinpedum.

They were also accused of distributing Communist pamphlets and literature among workers in factories near the Spanish naval base of El Ferrol.

The prosecuting attorney, Colonel Balbino Texeira, asked the court for 15 years' imprisonment for the leading defendants and sentences ranging from six months to 10 years for the others. — United Press.

**Pakistanis Going
To Moscow**

Karachi, Mar. 18. Mian Iftikharuddin, leader of the extreme left Opposition party in Parliament, in a Press communique, announced 13 names as delegates and five as observers of Pakistan who will attend the economic conference at Moscow next month.

The list includes names of well-known Pakistani businessmen, among them Mohamad Haroon, brother of Pakistan's High Commissioner in Australia, and a number of journalists. — France-Presse.

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THE FAITH HEALERS

MISS CHRISTY: 'I WAS CURED'

... but is
this proof?

REV. J. CROWLSMITH
"I ask for evidence."

by HUGH CLELAND

DURING this inquiry two facts about faith healers have impressed me above the rest. The first is the marked reluctance among reputable practitioners to be anything but vague about specific instances of healing. There appears to exist a kind of ethic of silence about the persons treated. It is in marked contrast to the eagerness I have found in some quarters to propagate belief in faith healing.

The Church of England endorses faith healing. So does the Baptist Union, the Church of Ireland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Congregational Union, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church of England and the Society of Friends.

All of them are represented on the Churches' Council of Healing. Yet, in spite of this multiplicity of religious bodies which accept faith healing as a fact, it is singularly difficult to obtain authenticated cases of patients treated and cured which can be investigated at first hand.

'I lost weight'

Time and again, in the course of this inquiry, I have encountered either vagueness or a flat refusal to give me detailed cases that I could scrutinise for myself. The answer frequently is that a faith healer is analogous to a doctor, who does not discuss his patients.

However, I have been put into touch with one woman who was prepared to say that she had herself been cured by spiritual means.

Miss Christy (as I shall call this woman) is in her early middle age. She is a qualified nurse and midwife. This is the story she told me:

"Two years ago I had a frightfully heavy winter. I had

felt very ill for some time and had lost a lot of weight. I suffered from nausea and sickness. The doctor was called. He examined me and said he would have to exclude the possibility of my trouble being a gastric ulcer. He told me I must see a surgeon.

"The surgeon examined me and said there was something unpleasant which would have to be taken away. He asked me if I would leave it to him to do what was best. He told my sister that I had an inoperable cancer in the stomach, and that there was very little hope at all that much could be done for me. He said they would open me up and look to see if anything could be done.

"I could not get a hospital bed for a fortnight. One day during that time, my vicar, the Rev. Dan Pilkington (vicar of St Barnabas, Bexhill), came to see me.

An operation

"He talked for half an hour, then said a prayer and gave me the laying on of hands. As he went out he stopped by the door and said: 'I don't think you need have that operation now.' Miss Christy decided she had better go through with the operation. "At the hospital," she said, "they did operate. They found inflammation in my stomach which appeared to have started to heal spontaneously. "In six months," Miss Christy went on, "I had built up my

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weight. But I am sure the surgeon was right in his diagnosis—my sister had looked just as I had done, and she had died from the same complaint. Now Miss Christy is well, she says.

Exploitable

I do not doubt that Miss Christy is sincere in this account. But it is a long way from evidence — certainly evidence of the sort that would convince a sceptic. Evidence of that kind may exist; but if it does I have not found any faith healer, or ex-patient either, who is prepared to provide it.

I put this to a leading Methodist minister, the Rev. John Crowlsmith, of Cambridge. He (together with the Rev. Leslie Weatherhead) represents the Methodists on the Churches' Council of Healing. Let me quote Mr Crowlsmith:

"There are too many cases of spiritual healing for it to be dismissed as moonshine. But on the whole, I do not approve of healing services. They are so easily exploitable." I pressed Mr Crowlsmith about the evidence for cures by faith healers. He said very frankly: "What beats me is that there is so often a lack of absolute medical diagnosis. Yet I am quite sure the power of God is there, can operate, does operate and does heal. You cannot just dismiss the overwhelming number of cases there are. I am always in trouble because I ask for evidence."

Doctors, too

The Methodists set up a committee in 1937 to inquire into the question of all that was meant by spiritual healing. Dr Weatherhead was the chairman. Since 1939, Mr Crowlsmith has been its secretary. The committee includes ministers, psychiatrists, doctors. Out of it has grown the Methodist Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology. "Our crowd," said Mr Crowlsmith, "are strongly convinced that though there is reality in spiritual healing, we must work with the doctors."

And that is as reasonable a view as can be got. After sitting the slender evidence available in my own view — for what it is worth — on the efficacy of faith healing is: Not Proven.

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Sitting on the Fence.... by Nathaniel Gubbins

An American writer has suggested that, after the honey-moon, young husband should tactfully make his bride too-conscious by bringing the subject into the conversation at every opportunity.

IN our own home at last. Don't you like the dark oak panelling in the dining-room, even if it isn't oak?

Perfect. It reminds me of stewed ox tail. Really? How peculiar. Of course, I'm not quite sure about the off-white walls of the drawing-room, though they do set off the gaily-brown carpet rather well.

When I look at the walls and the carpet together I think of sole cooked with mussels. When I look at the walls alone they remind me of ripe and onions.

Is this the romantic dreamer I married? I suppose the sunshine-yellow wallpaper in our bedroom reminds you of omelettes?

Sometimes omelettes. More often sweet corn with fried chicken. I think it's revolting to think of food in our bedroom when we've only been married a month.

I can't help it. Even the bathroom sponge reminds me of golden pudding.

Do you remember when my eyes reminded you of dark pools in the sunlight?

Yes, I remember. What do they remind you of now? Mushrooms on toast?

No. Thick brown gravy. And the pale porcelain cheeks you loved? Stuffed veal, I suppose?

Not stuffed, darling. Balled leg of pork with mashed turnips, maybe?

No turnips, dear. Just a plain balled leg of pork without even turnips? That's me, is it?

Well, darling... Go on. Say it, pig. With your pale skin, dark eyes, and golden fringe, you're going to say you remind me more of roast pork with brown gravy and crackling.

Problem child
An application for a licence to make alcoholic ice-cream containing one part in eight of Drambuie, Benedictine, apricot

brandy or rum, for adults only, was refused after objection by many clergymen, including the Rev. T. Thompson, who said there was a danger that young people might get a taste for it. (After the old song)

IT was only a humble home they had in an old world village street.

Each stick and stone in that humble home was ever so clean and neat.

For love it reigned in that humble home, though it's now but a beautiful dream. Since the man with the ice-cream barrow called and sold our boy ice-cream.

Don't give no ice-cream to our Johnny. It makes him so strange and so wild.

We remember the time he was bonny. A normal and dutiful child. We remember him saying his lessons.

And praying for Daddy and Mum. Till they sold him an ice-cream cone.

Full of apricot brandy and rum.

As midnight strikes in that humble home his anxious parents wait.

For a boy at an ice-cream parlour bar, although he is only eight.

They weep as they look at the things he loved, the smashed and the broken toys.

And remember the day when ice-cream was cream, and blue-eyed boys were boys.

Don't give no ice-cream to our sonny.

Don't give no ice-cream to our dear.

For after ice-cream he goes funny.

His language is shocking to hear.

The night he insulted his father, The night he assaulted his Mum.

Was after a lick at an ice-cream brick.

Full of apricot brandy and rum.

Dream encounter
A PIG was driving the taxi which was taking me to the House of Commons to hear the Budget speech.

—(London Express Service)

The pale Princess in the Palace

by...
ROBERT GLENTON

HOW has life been for Princess Margaret since grief and mourning settled upon the Palace? Let her answer that herself.

"Life seemed to stand still after Papa died," she wrote to a friend.

Her father's sudden death was a heavy and unexpected blow to her.

On the evening before his death she played the piano and sang to him, while he worked out a jigsaw puzzle.

Once she left the piano, moved across to help him. That was almost the last thing they did together.

There was a deep bond of love and understanding between them.

Elizabeth was the King's pride, but Margaret was his joy. She had in her that gaiety and easy joy which he had sought so much in his own youth, and could never attain.

RESPECT TO THRONE

Her sister always hated being called "Liz." Princess Margaret teased her sometimes by using the name. She will probably never do it again, for she has a profound sense of the respect due to the Throne.

Now, when they meet for the first time every day, Princess Margaret's brow has fallen forward as she curtsies to the sister who has moved over the other side of an intangible barrier.

For some days after the King's death the Princess showed more sign of distress than any other member of her family.

Never a big eater and always fussy about her food, she almost stopped eating altogether. Only her breakfast remained unchanged: coffee and orange juice.

Until about a week ago she steadily lost weight. Her face, free of make-up, has looked very pale, almost transparent. Now she is getting back to normal.

When she appears in public again she will certainly seem more solemn and grown-up after her emotional experience.

DAILY VISIT TO MOTHER

Each day she has her breakfast alone in her suite on the second floor, then goes along to her mother's room.

When we stopped at the British Museum I offered the pig a ten-shilling note. As he had no change he gave me a piece of toffee instead.

While I was eating the toffee, the pig said: "What is the time of your wedding?" I said: "11.45 a.m." The pig said: "What day?" I said: "I don't know. She's been waiting at the church three weeks as it is."

Then the pig took the ring from his nose and said: "As you won't be able to afford a wedding-ring after the circus, you had better put this on her finger. I hope it won't be too big."

I said: "It will probably be too small, as I am marrying the Fat Lady from the circus, who has hands as big as mine."

The pig said: "It's not polite to mention names in my presence." I said: "I beg your pardon." The pig said: "Granted as soon as asked."

Then the pig said: "If you marry this fat lady she will either smother you or you will get three years for bigamy. Which do you prefer?"

I said I would rather have some more toffee.

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The pig then drove me from London to Manchester, via Carlisle and Dublin.

When we arrived at Minsk, Stalin called out: "Hello, Gubbins. How would you like to work for me?"

I said: "What a?" Stalin said: "A daily column for Pravda." I said: "What about?" Stalin said: "You only have to keep on saying 'I'm wonderful.'"

I said: "My terms are a ten-year contract at \$50,000,000 roubles a year, with a special tax-free Budget for columnists."

Stalin said: "Done." Then, looking at the pig, he said: "Who's your friend?" I said: "One of our visiting members of Parliament."

Stalin said: "I thought so. Why don't you slaughter the lot and increase your bacon ration?"

As they led the pig away, Stalin said: "This is the first spy we've caught that we can eat, too."

—(London Express Service)

A MURDER'S O.K.—BUT NOT A SLAP!

New York
SAM Goldwyn, Hollywood's private atom bomb, was up in front of a battery of microphones, playing his favourite role.

"We have the right to be free," he shouted at the Convention of American Theatre Owners, "from the interference of petty, small-minded, single-tracked, dirt-sniffers who feel they have to justify their official existence by using their censors instead of their heads."

"They are America's censors, who have created such a maze of do's and don'ts, which vary from State to State, from city to city, that American producers have to cut through a maze of prejudice and confusion before they can sell their product to the American public."

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"You probably have the idea that Americans are free and easy when it comes to matters that involve censorship. The vast majority of the Americans, however, are exactly the opposite."

From **RODNEY CAMPBELL**

This is one of the most narrow-minded nations in the world. In general the radio, film and television censors reflect the extremes of this narrow-mindedness, with hazy lapses of memory that apparently permit the low necklines of Miss Faye Emerson, one-time daughter-in-law of President Roosevelt, on TV.

The triumph of wrong over right is banned under America's national code. "The Bandit," an Italian film, was condemned because it glorified criminals. Ministers of the Church—any Church—must never be villains or fools.

Cardinal Richelieu ran into trouble because the studios depicted Richelieu as the scheming politician he was. The censors said he was a cardinal, and should be respected as such.

Bad language is out. (Remember the hush the censors made over the swear-words in "In Which We Serve")? So are low necklines—in the films.

Margaret Lockwood had to wear a higher-neck gown for the American version of the harmless "My Darling Clementine." Yet there is nothing wrong with the sweater girl, because that garment fits to the neck. Sadism is banned. Consequently Richard Widmark was not allowed to slap the face of the girl who betrayed him in one picture. He then killed her instead in orthodox, unsadistic fashion.

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In this land of many races and religions, however, the greatest emphasis is placed on "protection" of minority groups. "Oliver Twist" was banned here for months, then altered, because Jewish groups thought Fagin was anti-Semitic. "The Miracle" was banned because Catholics thought it irreverent and set up picket lines of shouting ex-Servicemen outside the cinemas.

"Lost Boundaries," a film about a Negro family in trouble, was banned in several cities of the race-conscious South. In the equally race-

conscious North the Negro communities banned "Birth of a Nation," which showed coloured people off to disadvantage.

Said Goldwyn: "Our fear of what the censors will do stops us from portraying life as it really is. We wind up with a lot of empty little fairy tales."

The only comfort Hollywood has, as far as its crazy censors are concerned, is that there are a lot of censors—and no fewer—in the lands beyond the sea.

General Franco banned, then altered, "Gentleman's Agreement," because it rated the Jew the equal of a Christian.

The Communists banned nearly a score of Hollywood productions so their people "would not be doped on capitalist sex and eggs." And life grew really tough when the Indonesians banned a Wild West film in which the traditional cowboy bested a traditional Indian.

"American Imperialism," they said.

"Hollywood is still waiting to hear from Sam Goldwyn on that one."

TALKED TO THE DUKE

When the Duke of Windsor was over Princess Margaret saw him several times. She has an affection for him. She remembers those days when as Prince of Wales he used to play with her and her sister.

The Princess is studious. French, for she hopes to go for a holiday to the Continent when mourning is over. And she is making plans for a new home in Clarence House.

She has long telephone talks with friends. Among those who have sent her flowers are the Earl of Dalketh and Lord Ogilvie.

She was heard to say early the other day: "I often can't believe that I will grow old without ever seeing Papa again."

—(London Express Service)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bad Habits Will Cause Headaches

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▲ K 8 6 2	▲ J 10 4
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Both sides vul.	
North East South West	
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass	
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass	
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass	
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—9 ♣	

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOMETIMES our habits play us false at the bridge table. For example, we usually find it necessary to lead a high card in order to drive out an opponent's high card. We get into the habit of leading high, and we miss the occasion when it is proper to lead a low card.

The point is illustrated in the hand shown today. When it came up in play South's habits caused him to lead the queen of hearts, and South won with the ace, but the queen of spades to dummy's ace and returned to his hand with the king of diamonds in order to lead another trump. The trouble was that on the second round of spades he led the jack from the South hand, and returned a heart, forcing South to ruff. South now led another trump, and West was able to take both the queen and the king of spades. West then led a heart to force out South's last trump. Now South not only had lost his trump, but still had to lose a club. Down one.

If South had thought instead of yielding to habit, he would have played the trump correctly. When South leads the queen of hearts, it is a good guess that the king is in the North hand. If the king is in the North hand, the only hope is that the player with the distribution may have the black king or black queen.

He has the correct play to lead the three of hearts on the second round of that suit. This is high enough to force out East's black king. The rest of the hand follows the actual play, except that South can now use the jack of spades to force out the queen and can later use the ten of spades to pick up the suit.

This play brings the contract home, for a score of plus 620 points instead of minus 160 points.

CARD GAME

Q.—The bidding has been:
North Pass South Pass
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Diamonds Pass
You South, holding K-7-5-2, Hearts K-8-5-4, Diamond 4, Clubs 6-3-2. What do you do?

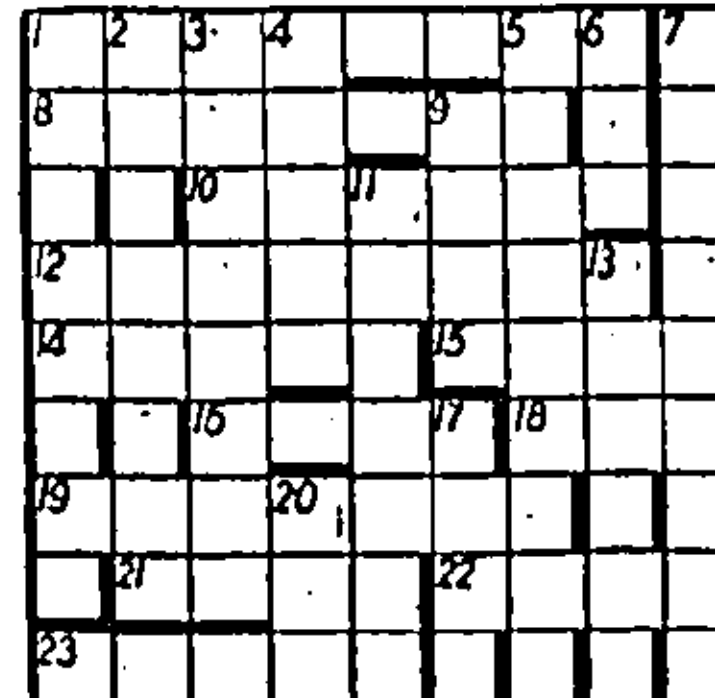
A.—Bid four hearts. As we saw earlier in the week, a bid of only three hearts is not a ruse but a preference. You have the values for a full rate, and must therefore go for four hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, holding K-7-5-2, Hearts K-8-5-4, Diamond 4, Clubs 6-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

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Across

1. Provided little leisure with a slug.
2. Fish for the morning omelette? (6)
3. I.M. Army: R.A.P. (8)
4. From the copper for a coin (5)
5. What re-arrangement hides this plant? (4)
6. Outsize tooth.
7. Wiggler in the electric clock. (8)
8. Knotted web used for a net.
9. Doesn't suggest uprightness. (4)
10. In which leas may paint. (4)
11. Some call it a tin. (6)

Down

1. Cause of the poet's R.O.S.? (8)
2. There, also, becomes heavenly. (8)
3. The lesser White Heron. (6)
4. Strong lovers produce the constant. (6)
5. As you see my girl in Dorset. (6)
6. As you see my girl in Dorset. (6)
7. You cannot to the innocent. (6)
8. Sounds as though the balls were used for diplomacy. (4)
9. It's evil in the ring. (7)
10. Becoming. (6)
11. Can be made end to end. (4)
12. Often much envied colour. (8)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:

1. Unit 19. 2. 10. 3. 10. 4. 10. 5. 10. 6. 10. 7. 10. 8. 10. 9. 10. 10. 10. 11. 10. 12. 10.

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HEADING DUEL



Robledo, Newcastle inside-left, in a heading duel with Ferrier, Portsmouth left-back, and Froggatt, Portsmouth centre-half, in the match which saw Newcastle United into the semi-finals of the FA Cup competition.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS ANNUAL RACE MEETING Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday, 29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The interval interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).
There are twelve races each day (30 in all).
Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.
Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.
To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:
5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
302, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—
Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies as declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.
Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.
Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investor have left the Counters.
All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.
In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Bookies adjacent to the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MIRA,
Secretary.

LADIES' JUNIOR SINGLES SEMI-FINALS TONIGHT AT ST. TERESA'S HALL

By "ARGONAUT"

The remaining seven semi-finals of the Schoolboys', Schoolgirls' and Junior Colony Championships will be played off tonight at St. Teresa's Parochial Hall, starting at 7 p.m.

Two Junior Ladies' Singles, one Men's Junior Singles and one Men's Junior Doubles events will highlight the programme.

The two youthful rivals, Bernadine Remedios and Gloria Silva, will take the floor in the first of the two ladies' events. Persistent efforts by Bernadine Remedios have made her one of the most improved players this season.

In the Club de Recreio tournament she has already achieved two good wins, one over Gloria Silva and the other over Stella Correa.

Gloria, on the other hand, will be all out to avenge her recent defeat by her clubmate, and in all her games has shown herself to be a spirited fighter.

Although the speediest Bernadine is favoured to win, Gloria may still emerge the winner if she strikes the form that enabled her to eliminate Stella Correa in her previous round.

The other Ladies' Singles semi-final between Elvie Tsok and Margie Rozario will also be in the form of a return clash between the two. Elvie having defeated Margie recently in the Recreio Championship. During her last few games, Margie has, however, regained some of her strokes, but will be greatly handicapped tonight by a bandaged ankle.

MOST GRUELLING

The most gruelling match of the evening will be the Men's Junior Singles encounter between Recreio's Francis Rozario and University's Joseph Foo.

This will bring together two stamina-packed youngsters both capable of producing a high standard of badminton. Rozario has more power in his shots, and has the advantage of a better reach and a good smash.

Regarded as one of the most erratic players last season, he has shown tremendous improvement in overcoming this weakness.

Foo is the latest find among the juniors in this tournament and has already eliminated our seeded player on his path to the semi-final.

Of the two, Foo is the superior tactician, showing much patience in making the openings before utilising his point-scoring smashes or overhead backhand cross drops.

Unless Rozario strikes his peak form, he may find himself the victim of another major upset of the tournament.

Climax of the evening's programme will be the Men's Junior Doubles which will see two evenly matched pairs in Jimmy Yip and Jimmy Koo of Kowloon, Tong and Wong Kai-cheong and K. Y. Tam of Craignower.

The fact that the two Jimmys were the pair responsible for the only defeat sustained by the Craignower pair in the League gives the match an added attraction.

In their second League encounter, the 41-point set went to decide before going to the Kowloon Tong pair.

Wong, however, revealed a sprained ankle sustained during the closing stages of this match. The Craignower pair have earned for themselves the reputation of being the steadiest and best combining pair in the Junior League this year, and watching them play, one finds it difficult to spot any weaknesses.

The two Jimmys must be in really top form to stop Wong and Tam from meeting their clubmates, K. C. Wong and K. Y. Tsao, in the final of this event.

TODAY'S GAMES

Semi-finals

7.00 p.m.: Schoolboys' Singles—E. Marquez-Lim v. Leung Tai-wong.

7.30 p.m.: Schoolboys' Doubles—R. Hing and C. Castro v. Liew Chun-van and Lo Chee-ming.

8.00 p.m.: Junior Ladies' Singles—B. Remedios v. G. Sequeira.

8.30 p.m.: Schoolgirls' Doubles—B. V. Fong and G. McDougall v. M. C. Basto and A. Lee.

9.00 p.m.: Junior Men's Singles—F. M. Rozario v. Joseph Foo.

9.30 p.m.: Junior Ladies' Singles—M. Rozario v. E. Tsok.

10.00 p.m.: Men's Junior Doubles—J. Yip and J. Koo v. Wong Kai-cheong and K. Y. Tam.

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Tennis: Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament at Chater Road.

Hockey: Barnaby Store, Electricity Seven-A-Side Tournament, Club ground, 4 p.m.

Badminton: Badminton semi-finals at St. Teresa's Church Hall, 7 p.m.

Hockey: Army 2nd XI v. Dutch Hockey Club at Soekunpo, 5.15 p.m.

IP AND TSAI

IN FINAL

After being extended in the first set, Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai became masters of the situation and defeated Lee Wal-tong and K. C. Dao by three straight sets in the semi-final of the Colony Open Doubles tennis championship at Chater Road yesterday.

Ip and Tsai, holders of the title, won by 10-8, 6-2.

A small crowd witnessed what might best be described as a steady match with hardly any flashes of brilliance. But double faults were few and far between.

FALTERED

Ip brought off several of his typical smashes down the centre of the baseline but he also faltered with easy shots at the net. Lee delighted with cross-court strokes while Tsai and Dao were engaged in many rallies.

In the first set Dao opened with service and won a "love" game. Lee and Dao led at the fifth game and then games went with service until the eighteenth when Ip smashed through with a set-winning stroke.

Lee and Dao went into a 4-2 lead in the next set before Ip and Tsai asserted themselves to win the next four games in a row but not before three deuces had been called in the eighth game.

In the second game of the third set, four deuces were called before Ip won through on his service to draw level at one—all. Lee and his partner only managed to garner another game and Ip and Tsai ran out winners by 6-2.

There were no line judges present at the match. The winners now meet the Tsai brothers, former holders, in the final.

HKCC TOURNAMENT

In the semi-final of the Club doubles championship, Gould and Agardoff defeated Pritchard and Macpherson 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 while in the Men's Handicap singles, Zuluat beat Hooton 6-3, 6-3 and Rawlings beat Daly 6-2, 6-0.

KCC v. RIOL

A friendly Tennis Tournament between the Kowloon Cricket Club and Royal Inter-Ocean Line Sports Club has been arranged for Sunday, March 23, at Cox's Road, commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Lunch will be taken in the KCC Clubhouse immediately after the Tournament.

The following have been selected to represent the KCC: Mixed Doubles—Mrs. J. Stokes & J. Lott; Mrs. M. Pepperell & J. Lott; Miss L. Goss & J. Lott; Augustus, Miss E. Low & C. Hobbs; Men's Doubles—K. Fetterell & V. Pepperell; D. Symons & G. Gillard; A. Lang & E. Abbas; G. Gillard & C. Boetens.

ARMY HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the Army: Zuluat, XI in hockey match against Dutch Hockey Club at Soekunpo to-day, fully at 5.15 p.m.—Smith, O'Halloran, Hewson, Bluff, Raynor, Barton, Ash, Cox, Richardson, Jarrett, Turner. Reserves—Norman, and Arundell.

BEST IN HONGKONG THIS YEAR



Peter Grant, of the European YMCA, going over the bar at 5 feet 6 inches in the dual meet between the YMCA and South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill last Sunday. He won the event at 5 feet 8 inches, the highest jump in the Colony this year. — Photo by K. H. Yick.

La Salle Shows Its Strength At Inter-School Sports Heats At Caroline Hill

By "RECORDER"

La Salle College gave an indication of its all-round strength in the heats of the Inter-School sports at Caroline Hill yesterday as its athletes, holder of the Inter-School Championship, loafed through to qualify.

The strong Diocesan Boys' School team did not do too well yesterday, but Wah Yan College, which is divided into A.M. and P.M. sections, qualified semi-finalists and finalists quite comfortably in very nearly every event.

The surprise of the afternoon's events came from a Wah Yan boy, Fung Kai-lee, who stormed through the fastest 200 metres of the day in 23.2 seconds. He has never been under 24 seconds before, though he has respectable best times at the 100 yards and 100 metres.

The sprint finals, as predicted earlier, are going to see some of the fastest running in the history of the Sports. King George V School's Quenlin Almo ran a 23.8 seconds heat and La Salle's Stephen Xavier, the Colony record holder at the distance in 22.9 seconds, trotted through lazily in 23.8.

La Salle's Eddie Loureiro almost slowed down to a walk in the last 20 yards and was surprised to discover that he had also clocked 24 seconds.

B. McCall, who beat Almo in the King George V School 220 Yards, clocked 24 seconds. There were at least four others under 24.5 seconds and a finalists' berth should require under 24 seconds in the next round tomorrow.

Only one of the "B" Grade heats was won in over 25 seconds, which gives a fair indication of the general rise in sprint standards.

HAPPY GEORGE THUMB

La Salle's George Thumb was one of the happiest lads around yesterday afternoon as, after fouling his first two jumps, he leaped out to 20 feet 1 1/2 inches for the second longest jump of the qualifying round. It was the first time he has cleared 20 feet in competition.

Chan Wan-lam of Wah Yan leaped the qualifiers with 20 feet 3 1/2 inches, well short of the 21 feet 1 inch mark which won the title for Ng Ming-sum of Queen's College last year.

Ng Ming-sum, who has cleared well over 20 feet this year, could not do better yesterday than 19 feet 5 1/2 inches. Others over 19 feet were Hon Wing-tung (Queen's) 10 feet 11 1/2 inches, Lam Wing-gang (St. Paul's) 19 feet 3 1/2 inches and Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 19 feet 2 1/2 inches.

FAST MILERS

The 1,500 Metres final is going to be one of the fastest in history, though Reggie Silva's record, I think, will not be in danger. Lee Shui-chung of La Salle won the first heat in 4 minutes 46 seconds with Chan Chi-kwan (Queen's) second in 4:46.8 and quite a collection of others in the same heat under five minutes.

The second heat was won by Chan Kwan-lam of Clementi in 4:53.0. The defending champion, M. Wilcox of King George V School, did not extend himself, but he will have a job on his hands in the final.

The 400 Metres Heats were all won under 55 seconds, the Inter-School record-holder, Le Wing-chung of La Salle, running the fastest in 55.2 seconds, well short of his record of 54.4.

Spencer, of King George V School, had the second fastest time with 55.8 seconds.

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Manchester, Mar. 16. Denmark beat England by nine matches to none in the final of the European Zone of the Thomas Cup competition here tonight. — Reuter.

Danes Beat England In Thomas Cup

"THE BOOT" GIVES A LESSON

One of the phases of the Rugby Union game in which the Springboks completely dominated the home sides during their recent visit, was in accurate kicking, whether touch-kicking, place or "drop-kicking, or those adroit tactical punts ahead or across to the wings. Really reliable kicking has almost become, since the war, a lost art in Britain.

Just before the South Africans left Britain, "Cheer" Giffin, their fine front-row forward, whose phenomenal goal-kicking success has earned him the nickname of "The Boot", went to Port Talbot in Wales to explain his theories on the kicking of goals and give a practical demonstration for the benefit of the Aberavon club and local schoolboy footballers.

Giffin pointed out that when he places the ball—tied up in such a way that it will not roll off—he places the laces downwards. In the event of the kick not being absolutely correct the trajectory of the ball will take it much nearer goal than when the laces are upwards.

He stressed the importance of the selection of a spot to kick from, even if it meant retreating a few yards, for the kicker must have a solid foothold with the left foot, which should be placed with the toe level with the kickable end of the ball.

The run-up, its length and its measurement, he thought, were matters for individuals to decide on themselves in placing the ball on an imaginary line should be drawn through the point of the ball to the centre of the uprights and the position of the kicking foot. Then the real things that matter happen: a last look at the goal posts, then all concentration on the ball, the run-up and, as important as anything else, the follow through.

Giffin, wearing a pair of light rubber-soled shoes, then put his theories into practice, and time and again sent the ball soaring between the uprights from a point on the 25-yard line and half way out to the touch-line.

After then to demonstrate how important it was to keep the eye on the ball and have the right follow-through, he proceeded to send the ball over the bar from 30 yards without even bothering to place it.

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Strong Entry For The Colony Chess Championship

G. S. Coxhead, veteran of many six-hour matches with Karel Weiss in Colony Chess tournaments before the war, won the Leftover Cup from Karel in the Lightning Tournament final at the Kowloon Chess Club's Annual Dinner last night.

The Club Secretary, Mr. Arthur Gomes, announced last night that the entry for the Colony Chess Championship this year will be the strongest in years though it will lack players of the standard of Serge Gritsky and R. W. Borodil.

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The Cup Semi-Finalists

A Good Luck Wish For Blackburn Rovers

By TOM FINNEY

So the Cup semi-finalists are Newcastle, Blackburn, Arsenal and Chelsea — the lucky people. Who will win? I don't propose to make any firm forecast, although you will hardly blame a Preston man if his thoughts stray to Sheffield on March 29 with a good luck wish for Blackburn Rovers.

Blackburn, as you probably know, is only ten miles from my home town. Furthermore, I once wanted to join the Rovers in my very young days in preference to Preston. And, of course, one always has a popular feeling for a smaller club.

When you flip over the pages of the records books and see that Blackburn have won the Cup six times, been in the final seven times and in the semi-finals thirteen times, it seems odd to refer to them as a small club.

But their climb into the limelight this season has been one of the soccer romances of the year. I believe it was on November 10 that they played their sixteenth match of the season at home, to Cardiff City, and were beaten by the only goal.

That was 10 matches with only six points and we were saying sadly in Preston at the time that it would be Northern Section

football next season for Blackburn—a relegation the Club have never yet suffered. But now they stand a fair chance of promotion and could become the first Second Division Cup winners since West Bromwich Albion in 1931.

SHIFTS OF FORTUNE

You may remember that Leicester City did something very similar in the 1945-46 season. They beat Birmingham City 2-1 in the third round, then they beat my own team 2-0 at Leicester and followed up with victories over Luton (5-3), Brentford (2-0) and Portsmouth (3-1). They finally went down to the Wolves in the

final, 3-1. All this was going on while they were fighting to prevent relegation from the Second Division. I have special cause to remember our Cup match at Leicester that season. I suffered a jaw injury and was off, but didn't think it was anything much and came back. Later I found I had fractured the jaw.

I have not seen Blackburn play this season and make no attempt to assess their chances against Newcastle. Most of my Preston teammates went to Ewood Park to see them play Nottingham Forest in their third round replay. I remember that they were not particularly impressed. Blackburn had most of the play but didn't have a good match, although they won. Their record since shows them to be a consistent side and really good Cup fighters.

On the experiences of Preston — and my knowledge of the three First Division semi-finalists is confined to matches I have played against them — the Cup winners will be Newcastle. They beat us 2-1 at Deepdale and 3-0 at Newcastle. They seem to rise to the big occasion and once that forward line of theirs clicks — with my friend Jackie Milburn at the head — something quite brilliant in the way of football usually follows.

If Joe Harvey were to lead United to a second consecutive victory at Wembley, it would be a place of history last made by Blackburn in the latter part of the last century.

LOGIE'S SCHEMING

We beat Arsenal 2-0 at Deepdale and took a point from them at Highbury. You may remember Charlie Wayman scored all three of our goals, the last of them in the last minute. But that comparison with our performance against Newcastle cannot be taken as a true guide to Arsenal's chances in the Cup.

As a winger, there is no defence in the country for which I have a higher respect. And Joe Mercer and Alex Forbes in top form at wing half are assets unrivalled anywhere, while Jimmy Logie's scheming in the forward line can very nearly win a Cup Final on its own.

What of Chelsea? We play them at Preston on Easter Saturday. At Stamford Bridge there was no score, but we formed the opinion that they were a good all-round side and most of you know what Roy Bentley can do in the way of snap goals.

Football is a game in which remarkable and unpredictable results occur every week; results in which the form book means nothing. So don't take too much notice of the fact that Newcastle are favourites, Arsenal second favourites and the other two outsiders. To my friends in Blackburn especially: Happy hunting!

FOOTNOTE

The last hours of the 1951-52 transfer season in League football are almost upon us. And how pleased are most people who play professional football.

Fortunately, I do not get caught up in the storms which sometimes blow in the transfer market, but I have known players — this season or form by the fact that they were on the transfer list, even though it was at their own request. The comings and goings of managers and scouts from other clubs, and the uncertainty about the future can become a temporary nightmare in a footballer's life.

In fact, of course, it would not be easy to scrap the transfer system. Very often it puts a lot of new life into languishing clubs, plus a lot more interest for the spectators.

IRELAND v. WALES AT DUBLIN



Williams gets the ball away for Wales during a scrum in the match with Ireland at Dublin.

John Macadam's Column

CONTROL THE BAD BOYS OF SOCCER

There was a feeling that we had been over-emphatic on the subject of Dirty Play in Soccer, but the reaction of the watchers of the game, in letter and by telephone, is that we have understated the case against the dirty player.

We do not habitually agree with watchers of the game — on the contrary, we take a very individual view which is opposed to the general one — but it is a fact that conclusions reached by the majority of readers are correct.

They feel that the referee should be more strict and more persistent in making his decisions.

With this, noticeably, we agree. We have always pleaded for the authoritative referee who would impose his personality on the game he is in charge of, but we would be inclined to reject the general suggestion that linesmen be brought into the game more.

Our feeling is that there is too much attention paid to linesmen, and referees should be placed in a position from which they should not be able to extricate themselves on account of outside opinion.

NAME THEM

There have been plenty of suggestions. Apart from the toughening up of referees there has been the plea that they, and we sportswriters, name the dirty players.

We sportswriters would like nothing better, but it is almost impossible. To name players, except to say that they have been warned, cautioned, or sent off, without spending all our days in the law courts.

There is a good idea embedded in a number of the letters that "there should, instead of home team and visiting team opinion, be a report of ex-referees and union-appointed players to report on each match — teams, players, and referees — but certainly not the present system of the home team report on players which tends to provide 'home referee'."

There is a good point made constantly: That such reports should be checked regularly, and that clubs and players should be fined in accordance with the degree of their offence, even to the extent of closing the ground.

We do not agree with the frequently quoted opinion that there should be a "sin bin," as in ice hockey, because we do not feel that Soccer has anything to learn from that game.

And there is no reason for suggesting that there should be substitution for an injured player.

Nor is there reason for the suggestion of pre-emptory dismissal of a player who fouls without a caution; nor the suggestion that there should be fouls and two referees; nor the suggestion that there should be a distinguishing mark for suspended players.

Our own feeling is that the game is pretty well all right as

American Table Tennis Stars Coming Here

Invitations extended by the Hongkong Table Tennis Association to Marty Reisman and Douglas Courtland of the United States to visit Hongkong for a series of exhibition games during the early part of April next have, it is understood, been accepted.

The American Table Tennis stars, who took part in the recent World Championships at Bombay, are at present in Bangkok and will come to Hongkong after visiting Saigon.

FANLING GOLF

H.W.E. Heath and E. L. Groome, both 1 down, tied for the Bogey Pool played over the Old Course of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling last week-end.

Members and subscribers are reminded that entries are invited for the England versus Scotland game to be held on Sunday, March 30.

HOLE-IN-ONE
L. Goldman, playing over the Old Course on Sunday, holed out the third hole, 165 yards in one. The occasion was suitably celebrated.

A.V. White qualified in March for the Captain's Cup in a play-off last Saturday against W. H. Paterson.

RUGGER RESULT

London, Mar. 18.
Oxford University beat Glasgow Academicals by 16 points to five in a Rugby Union match today. — Reuter.

HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

Proposal For Professional Football In Hongkong

A proposal that the Hongkong Football Association give consideration to the introduction of a professional football league next season was put forward at the monthly Council meeting of the Association held yesterday with Mr J. Skinner in the Chair.

The proposal was put forward after reference had been made to the state of semi-professionalism which existed in local soccer.

Mr L. J. Channing said that he was bringing up the subject because he was most concerned about those players who, he alleged, were being exploited. When these players out-lived their usefulness or were injured, they were thrown on the scrap heap.

Mr Channing referred to the fact that the situation had now reached the stage where school-boys who had not even completed their schooling were being induced to leave school in order to be able to play football in the Hongkong League.

SCHOOLBOY PLAYERS

This situation had been brought about by reports that the Hongkong Schools Sports Association was, as from next season, introducing a ruling whereby Schools would have first call on the services of schoolboy soccer players.

Mr Channing said that by introducing a professional league, players would at least know where they stood and would have a measure of security against the day that they were injured or too old to play.

Under the present system, he said, players had no legal remedy against Clubs for whom they played.

Seven-a-Side Rugger Today

A further series of games in the Colony Charity Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament for the Blarney Stone Shield will be played off on the Club ground at Happy Valley this afternoon.

The following is the programme:
Tamar Tigers v Wiltshire "A" 4 p.m. Referee: Mr J. Redman.
23 Field Regiment RA v Tamar Cubs 4.20 p.m. Referee: Major Dadds.

58 Medium Regiment RA v 27 (Stranger's) Battery 4.40 p.m. Referee: Mr Redman.

3rd Royal Tank Regiment "B" v Dampier Storks 5 p.m. Referee: Major Sommerville.
Talkoo v RAE "B" 5.20 p.m. Referee: Mr Redman.

Club "A" v 45 Field Regiment "B" 5.40 p.m. Referee: Major Sommerville.

Wayfoong v 45 Field Regiment "A" 6 p.m. Referee: Major Dadds.

Arrangements for the forthcoming Interport against Manila and the Challenge Shield finals were discussed and decided upon by the meeting.

An application by the Netherlands Hospital for a donation towards a maternity bed was referred to the Committee in charge of Charity Funds. Mr Skinner said that it would be a good idea if support could be given for a bed on the same lines as three beds were being supported by the Association in the Tung Wah Hospital.

Mr Skinner also put forward a suggestion that the Director of Education be consulted regarding the donation of a sum towards a primary school so that the children of players might be afforded, on payment, an opportunity of attending that school.

The meeting decided to invite Mrs Skinner, who will be leaving for Home with Mr Skinner, on leave next month, to present the Memorial Cup on conclusion of the final match in this Competition on March 30.

It was also decided to invite Mr Blackford, wife of Colonel Blackford, to present the trophies at the conclusion of the Senior Challenge Shield finals on April 11.

THE GAMBOLS



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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DON'T WASTE WATER

Heated Debate In Ceylon Senate On Japan Treaty

Colombo, Mar. 18.

The Ceylon Senate today passed a Government bill ratifying the Japanese peace treaty. The House of Representatives passed the bill on Feb. 29.

Senator D. W. J. Perera, the Bolshhevik-Leninist Party nominee, opposing the bill, said that the treaty was forced on Japan by the United States. He described the signing of the treaty in San Francisco as a shameful act in Ceylon's history.

Mr. Perera said that the Finance Minister, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, acted as a lackey of the United States by signing the treaty.

India and Burma had refused to sign and India was to have a separate treaty negotiated directly with Japan, he said.

American troops still occupied Japan and she was not an independent country, Mr. Perera declared.

Dr. C. M. V. Naganathan (Federalist) supporting Mr. Perera, said that Ceylon ought to depend on a resurgent Japan for machinery for industrial development. But Japan was not allowed to manufacture and export heavy machinery and was compelled to concentrate on small industries.

"WAR-MONGERING" Neither Britain nor the United States was anxious to help Ceylon's industrialisation, Dr. Naganathan said.

Dr. Naganathan said that by signing the treaty Ceylon condemned Japan and also "struck at the root of our own future". She was joining in war-mongering.

Dr. Naganathan accused the United National Party, the majority party in the Cabinet, of profiting from the Second World War. For this reason the Party had aligned Ceylon with the "war-mongering countries", he declared.

Sir Oliver Gonnellilake, Minister for Home Affairs, said that he did not like a nation to pay lip service to another. But if it was needed he would rather pay it to Washington than Moscow.

Japan was emerging as a new nation from the United States "bondage". The United States had given her a new chance to select good friends.

"Ours is a small island and in the world trend we have to join with whom we agree," the Minister said.

The Senate examined the bill clause by clause before passing it on the third reading.

"FREE RUPEE" DEMAND

Karachi, Mar. 13. A member of Pakistan's Constituent Assembly yesterday accused Britain of refusing to supply heavy machinery to Pakistan for industrialisation.

Speaking in the Budget debate, Sardar Amir Azam, Member for the Punjab, said that the link between the rupee and the pound was a stumbling block in the way of Pakistan's economic prosperity.

He had created difficulties in the way of Pakistan getting machinery from other countries, he said. He called for the freeing of the rupee, declaring that the Finance Minister, Mohammed Ali, name would go down in history "in gold letters" if he took this step.

SONG WRITER DEAD

New York, Mar. 18.

Percy Wenrich, 72-year-old composer of such musical favourites as "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet", "Moonlight Bay" and "When You Were A Tulip And I Were A Big Red Rose", died last night in hospital.

Wenrich, who had made his home here for several years, was a member of Lamb's Club and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.—United Press.

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TRUMAN'S ACTION AROUSES SPECULATION

Washington, Mar. 18.
President Truman's unprecedented release for publication today of many of his private Presidential papers set Washington political experts arguing whether it shows he intends to run for re-election or not.

No one, apart from the President himself, knows the answer to that.

There are two schools of interpretation of the President's act in permitting a White House correspondent, William Hillman, to publish copious extracts from his diaries and personal memoranda.

Demand For Britain's Atomic Plans

Washington, Mar. 18.
A Republican Representative, Mr. James G. Fulton, today demanded that Mr. Averell Harriman, Mutual Security Director, give details about Britain's atomic development to a secret session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Committee was questioning Mr. Harriman about President Truman's new foreign aid programme. Mr. Fulton complained that Britain was going ahead with a costly atomic bomb development programme "which nobody knew anything about" while seeking American dollar aid.

Britain's EPU Deficit

London, Mar. 18.
Britain slashed her monthly deficit in the European Payments Union by more than \$88,000,000 in February, but the month's transactions in the European trading group meant that Britain's overall deficit was swollen from \$863,500,000 at the end of January to \$922,000,000.

Minister Sent To Prison

Kinshasa, Mar. 18.
Jamaica's Minister of Education, Mr. Joseph Matigola, was today sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour on charges of conspiracy connected with the transfer of Jamaican farm labourers to the United States.

One school, led by Jonathan Daniels, an intimate friend of the President, sees Truman's action as the "best and perhaps only evidence yet available that Mr. Truman will not run again."

Daniels, a former White House aide of President Roosevelt and now editor of a North Carolina paper, describes Hillman's book, entitled "Mr. President," as "a volume prepared in farewell by a much lambasted President, who wants very much to depart with the understanding and affection of the United States."

The book gives the appearance of having been written as a historical document, it contains some passages which would be an embarrassment to the President in an election campaign. These include a reference to the fate in the past of those who clung too long to office.

Another school of thought—more popular with critics than friends—contends that Mr. Truman's release of the papers is a campaign manoeuvre to build up support for his re-nomination as Democratic Presidential candidate next July and his re-election in November.

CAREFUL ANSWERS
This school interprets the book as an exercise in self-justification and self-justification. It says the President claims to have been almost always right in his decisions and that most of the documents released are careful answers to charges likely to be used against him in an election campaign.

In answer to Republican charges that he has "appeared" Russia, President Truman reveals:

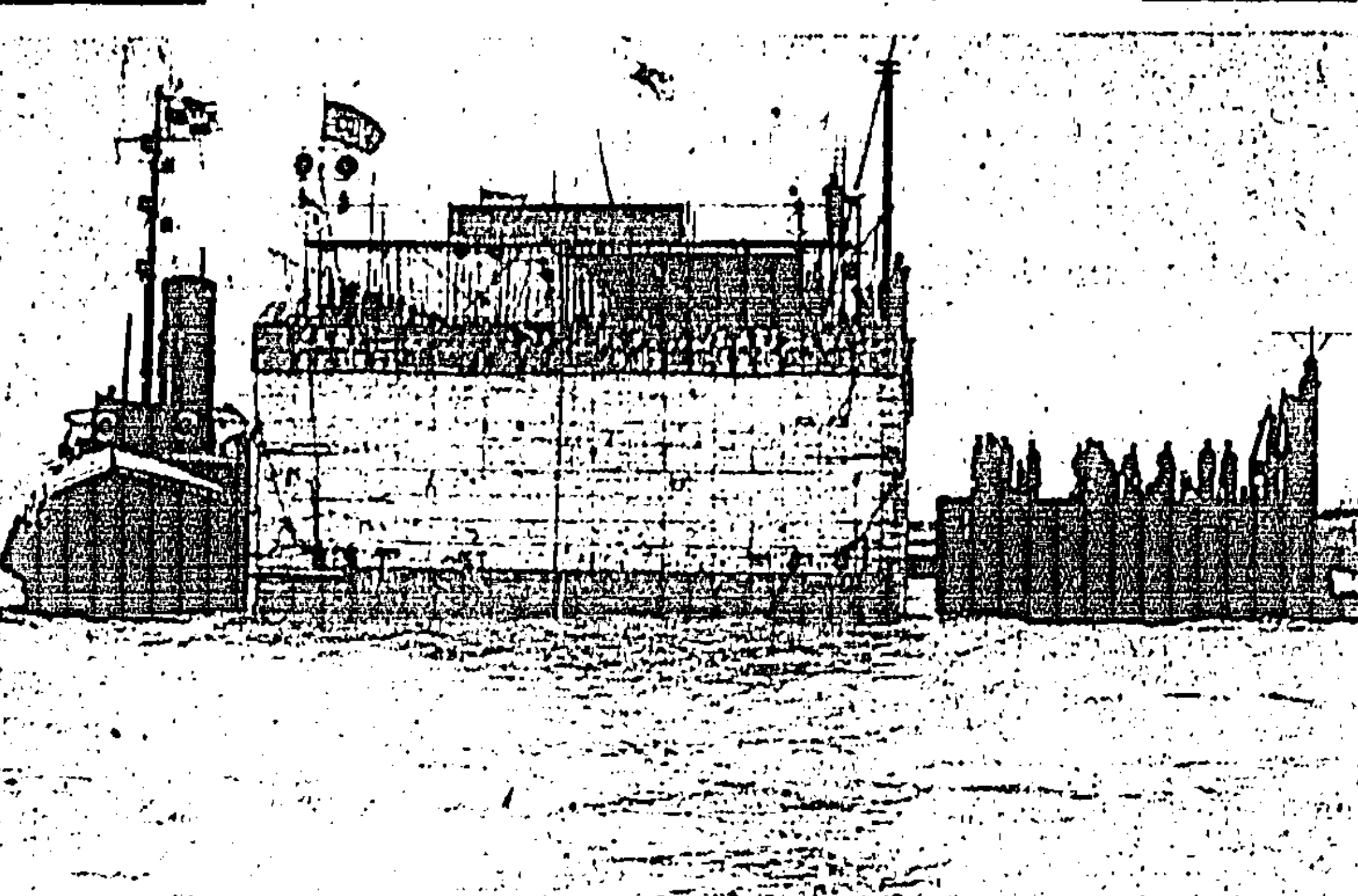
1. How he vigorously opposed "babying" the Soviet Union from the outset of his administration.
2. How he was not responsible for the concessions made by his then Secretary of State, Mr. James F. Byrnes, to the Russians.
3. How he denounced proposals usually associated with his then Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Henry Wallace, to give atomic secrets to Russia.

Against charges that he has been too tolerant of corruption and shady political dealings, Mr. Truman defends his association with the Pendergast political machine in his home State of Missouri.

He says: "Politics force men into contact with all manner of people, but men of principle need never surrender them to gain or hold political office."

Against charges that he is not competent or well-informed enough to be President, Mr. Truman shows himself in interviews with Mr. Hillman to have a detailed knowledge of both the history of the United States and the forces which have controlled the rise and fall of other great Powers in history.

4,200-Ton Caisson Towed Down River



The construction of the Vacuum Oil Company's new Refinery at Caryton has progressed steadily through the winter, and it is now expected to reach completion at an early date in 1953. One of the important, and possibly the most spectacular, in this vast refinery project, was the towing into position and sinking of the main section of the winter-inake jetty. This is a caisson of re-inforced concrete weighing 4,200 tons, which was begun at Gravesend, in dry dock, and completed afloat at Tilbury. This massive structure was recently towed by tugs down river and sunk into position alongside the Refinery, to which it will ultimately give a daily supply, for cooling purposes, of 45 million gallons of water drawn from the river Thames.—London Express.

Mother And "Dead" Son Reunited

Toronto, Mar. 18.
A 10-year-old boy walked from a plane yesterday into the arms of his mother, who for six years had thought him dead.

PINAY'S PLAN APPROVED

Paris, Mar. 18.
The Council of Ministers today agreed upon French Premier Antoine Pinay's five-point plan to meet French financial difficulties.

The plan, which includes no increase in taxation, will be debated some time next week in the National Assembly.

The Cabinet decided today to cut France's civil expenditure by 135,000 million francs as part of Premier Antoine Pinay's battle to balance the country's 3,800,000 million francs budget.

London Report Denied

A report from London that a new Borneo airline was being formed was denied by a Hong Kong authority this morning.

Libel Action: Deft Cross-Examined

Chan Vung-djih, defendant in a libel suit at the Supreme Court, this morning stated in cross-examination that as editor and publisher he read articles superficially for if he had to probe into every word he would have to issue a monthly paper instead of a daily.

Chan, proprietor, editor and publisher of the Shanghai Herald of 23 Lyndhurst Terrace, is being sued by Lee Fah, manager of the Grand View Film Studios and a member of the Standing Committee of the Film Union, for \$5,000 damages for alleged libel contained in three articles of the Shanghai Herald.

The action is being heard by Mr. Justice Williams. Plaintiff is being represented by Mr. A. C. Arcull and defendant is appearing in person.

The articles complained of were "Denouncing Mr. So-and-So," "The advice to a notable of three Dynasties" and "Small Prize for Correct Guess" published in the Shanghai Herald on May 25 and 27 and June 10, 1951.

According to Mr. Arcull the articles alleged that plaintiff was a person of immoral character and had illicit relations with his friend's wife, that he was dishonest and inefficient in his work.

The defendant contended that the last article was "propaganda" for a picture to be shown. It was the story of the play and was intended to increase the bookings.

None of the articles was written by himself, but by one of the four editors under him, defendant said.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arcull, defendant said that he had been in the newspaper business for 20 years and was at present a news photographer. He started the Shanghai Herald in July, 1950 and closed it because it did not pay.

He said that the plaintiff, in an interview in which he complained about the articles in May, waived his claim for damages and an apology in the press, but asked only for a letter of apology which would put him right with the Film Union. There was an endorsement on that letter forbidding its use in legal proceedings.

Defendant said that any one reading the article of May 23 would not understand it as referring to any one in the film union having something to do with his friend's wife, but he agreed that the article did refer to such a man.

He said that in the newspaper he undertook the camera work but as far as the writing of the articles was concerned he had not sufficient knowledge. He asked that the writer be called to answer Mr. Arcull's questions.

The Judge told him that as publisher and editor, the responsibility was his even if he had never seen the articles.

Battleship's Bombardment

Tokyo, Mar. 19.
Far East Naval Headquarters said today the United States battleship Wisconsin had hit at a source of Communist invasion fleets used in the "war of the islands" off North Korea.

The Wisconsin's 16-inch guns pounded a Communist shipyard on the east coast of North Korea yesterday.

A spokesman claimed the yard was destroyed together with a number of boats.

On the west coast the British destroyer Concorde moved among the island-studded approaches to Haifu yesterday and shelled Communist shore positions.

A naval spokesman has stated that the fight between the United Nations and Communists for possession of strategic islands "was still on."

—Reuter.

Alleged Robbers Posed As Church Magazine Sellers

A pretext of selling Church magazines was allegedly used by robbers in gaining admission into the home of a Northern Chinese family in Hunghom last November. The story of this robbery was related before Mr. Justice Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning when Tse Ching-pun, 37, unemployed, and also a Northerner, appeared on a charge of robbery with aggravation.

Tse was accused of having, with other persons unknown, robbed Chan Sik-yan of a gold bracelet, a wrist-watch, a gold finger-ring, a pair of gold earrings, eight imitation gems, four Chinese silver dollars and a camera.

He pleaded not guilty and a Jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector W. Watson, said the robbery took place about 9.30 a.m. on November 2 last year at 20 Wuhu Street, second floor, Hunghom. The flat was occupied by a family comprising the complainant (a married woman), her husband, her mother and an amah.

That morning the complainant's mother was out when a knock was heard at the door. Complainant looked through the peep-hole and saw a stranger outside. The man said he was selling Church magazines and passed the complainant a letter to persuade her to open the door. As complainant opened the door, a stranger stuck his foot in the opening, pushed his way in and was immediately followed by two others.

TIED WITH ROPE

One of the men produced a revolver and the complainant, who was wearing a certain amount of jewellery at the time, had this taken off her. She was then tied with rope and covered with a quilt. The amah was also tied up and complainant's mother, who returned to the flat, was immediately treated. The flat then appeared to have been ransacked.

It was not known what happened to complainant's husband, a sea captain, but he was later found tied up on his bed and bearing certain wounds. He was not in the Colony at present, said Mr. Greenfield, and would not be appearing as a witness.

The inmates released themselves after the robbers had departed and a report was made with the Police. Investigations were instituted and certain finger-prints were discovered. These were later found to correspond to those of the accused, following his arrest.

Crown Counsel said the finger-prints showed sixteen points of similarity.

PROPERTY FOUND

After accused was arrested, he went with the Police to a squatter's area where, Time Editor, occupied by a man named Yuen, were found some of the stolen property. Yuen said he had been handed the property by a man who the Crown alleged had been seen in company of the accused.

Giving evidence in corroboration of Crown Counsel's opening, complainant said the letter the stranger handed her indicated he was selling Church magazines and she thereupon opened her door. She was first bound with wire to her bed, and later she was tied up with rope. Before the robbers left, she declared, one of them asked her for the letter back. She said she did not have it, and the man then threatened to shoot her dead unless she produced it.

The trial is proceeding.

Alleged Illegal Radio Station

Two men and a woman were remanded for one week by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning on charges of operating an illegal wireless station. Lau Fong, 30, and Fong Kwan, 32, are alleged to have established, or worked a radio communication station at No. 513, Queen's Road West, third floor, on March 18, without a licence. They are further alleged to have had in their possession apparatus for radio communication station without a licence.

Choi Wai-see, 34-year-old woman, was charged with being the principal tenant of the premises in which radio communication equipment was installed without a licence on March 18.

Represented by Mr. Ko Fook-wing, the first and second defendants were granted bail of \$6,000 each and the third defendant \$3,000.

Date for hearing of the case was fixed for July 16. Det. Sub-Insps. G. Collie is in charge of the case.

Riots Continue Until Midnight

London, Mar. 18.
Thirty people, including Police, were injured in yesterday's St. Patrick's Day riots which continued in the nationalist quarter until midnight. Six people are in hospital, two with fractured skulls. Injuries were caused during baton charges and stone throwing in which many shops in the centre of the city were damaged.

The disturbances, described as the worst in London for 30 years, began with a demonstration against the political separation of Northern Ireland from Eire.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll run down to the corner! I've only got a long-distance business call to make—not as important as homework!"

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